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Reds Announce Capture Of Chiennan, Huichang STRONG BORDER DEFENCE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, August 26.

The entire Southern tip of Kiangsi province bordering on Kwangtung and Kukien provinces has fallen into Communist hands, as the Communist radio in Peiping announced this morning the capture of Chiennan on August 20 and Huichang on August 22.

Revolt In Lake Tai District Reported

Canton, August 26. Nationalist intelligence reports tonight said that 100,000 peasants are in revolt against the Communists in the Lake Tai area between Shanghai and Nanking. The reports said that Red attempts to suppress them failed. The Executive Yuan, meeting here, formed a committee to encourage the peasant revolts by every means possible.

The field commanders are authorized to commission leaders to handle such uprisings but the Ministry of Defence will handle this one itself if large numbers of men are involved. Arms have been dropped from planes to the revolters in some instances already. Associated Press.

Proposed Tax Reform For Japan

Tokyo, August 26. Tax reforms designed to encourage foreign investments in Japan are included in the recommendations of an American tax mission.

"There are encouragements for foreign investors to enter Japan, although they are general and non-discriminatory," said Dr. Carl Shoup, Columbia University Professor and internationally known tax expert, in answer to questions at a Press conference after the summation of the report.

"We hope all investors, both foreign and domestic, will be encouraged by the recommendations," said Dr. Shoup. He listed recommendations, which are hoped to remove objections by foreign investors to putting their money into Japanese industry under the present laws as:

- 1—Repeal of the excess profits taxes for corporations.
- 2—More liberal treatment of stockholders in regard to taxes on dividends.
- 3—Revaluation of assets, allowing an increase in the amount of depreciation.
- 4—"Technical reforms" such as elimination of the 20 per cent withholding tax for aliens residing in Japan.

Dr. Shoup estimated the "bite" of taxation out of the total national income probably would be between 25 and 30 per cent under the recommendations, compared to about 25 per cent in the United States.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a weak ridge of high pressure extends from the Pacific, anticyclone to the Southwest. The Northern depression is moving 2212 into the sea of Japan. Pressure remains low to the S of the Philippines.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate SE wind. Fair. Total since Jan. 1—1932.4 mm.—52.1 in. as against an average of 165.8 mm.—65.7 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. on 26th:
Bar. at sea level, 1010.3 mm.—29.8 in.
Dew pt. 28.5 deg. C.—83.3 deg. F.
Wind direction, 170 deg. C.—315 deg. F.
Wind speed, 10 knots.
Wind gust, 15 knots.
Rainfall, 0.0 mm.—0.0 in.

Chiennan is only 25 miles from the Kwangtung border and Huichang is 35 miles East of the Fukien border. Huichang is also connected by a highway to Pingyuan in North Kwangtung, while Chiennan is within easy reach of Yungyuan, a strategic town in North Kwangtung East of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Earlier the same radio said San Tu O, about 40 miles North of Foochow, and Haifang county seat about 70 miles North East of Hong Kong were also captured by the Reds. The latter town was occupied only by guerillas.

Headquarters of the 23rd Army and the 21st Group Army have moved from South Kiangsi to Yungyuan and Yingtak in North Kwangtung respectively, although there is no confirmation of the rumour that General Liu Po-cheng's advancing Communists had penetrated into Kwangtung. However, no alarm was felt in Canton today owing to the assurance that the enemy force in South Kiangsi is not formidable in comparison to the stationing of four Nationalist armies along the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border. It is also believed that any advance into Kwangtung must be made simultaneously from Hunan and Kiangsi.

The Hunan drive was checked along the Canton-Hankow Railway and on the two flanks. The latest government success was the capture of Anhui in North Hunan West of the railway.

The frantic exodus to Hong Kong during the past ten days was over today, trains and planes were not used to capacity as they were several days ago. Those who wanted to leave had gone, and the Nationalist successes in Hunan have had a calming effect here.

Anxious eyes are now directed towards Lanchow where General Nieh Yung-chun and Pang Teh-hual rushed up reinforcements to form the Kansu provincial capital. The task forces were tired and hungry after long marches and a platoon charging forth collapsed through sheer exhaustion to the bewilderment of the defenders, a military spokesman said.

Canton Drive May Be Delayed

There is a steadily growing impression in Chinese circles here that the Communist drive on Canton will be delayed, much longer than originally expected, reports Reuter.

Both Nationalists and Communists are throwing large reinforcements into the Kwangtung-Kiangsi border, but the mountainous terrain favours the defenders.

ARAB ALLIANCE PLAN DENIED

London, August 26. The Foreign Office spokesman today strongly denied Damascus press reports that any plan to conclude a "collective alliance" between Britain, the United States and the Arab states was under consideration in London.

He said that there was no truth in the report or in the suggestion that such a collective treaty was designed to replace the existing bilateral treaties between Britain on the one hand and Trans Jordan, Iraq and Egypt on the other.—Reuter.

ELECTION TIF: 259 KILLED

Aden, August 26. Rival tribes in French Somaliland clashed over local election results yesterday and 259 were killed and more than 500 injured before French troops restored order. It was reported here today that the report said local French officials were being recalled to Paris as a result of the incident.—Associated Press.



Nina Dumbadz (left foreground) world's champion discus thrower, heads the Soviet team during the parade which inaugurated the university summer games at Budapest, Hungary. The games were opened by Hungary's Premier, Istvan Dobi.—(AP Photo)

Summer Games At Budapest

Marsman Co. Reply To Criticism

Manila, August 26. A spokesman for Marsman and Company, commenting on the complaints of Hong Kong stockholders of the five Philippine gold mines under Marsman management, said the company adopted a "realistic attitude" in not resuming mining operations.

Mr. A. L. Vellia, Secretary of Marsman and Company, said that if the Hong Kong stockholders group "wants to solicit proxies that is their privilege. We shall welcome them to general meetings as we have done in previous years."

Mr. Vellia said that three of the mining companies had received initial war damage payments totalling 1,500,000 pesos but that the amounts represented only a "small portion" of the losses of damage suffered from war action by each of the companies.

He said the initial payments were "grossly inadequate" to restore the mines to their pre-war condition.

The Secretary said the war damage funds received thus far "will not go far toward rehabilitation and it will be foolhardy to start operations knowing that it could not be completed and must stop when funds are exhausted."

He said the cost of machinery, equipment, supplies and labour is now high and "operation under such conditions will leave no margin of profit as long as the price of gold is fixed at US\$35 an ounce." He said it was impossible to depend upon the gold black market.

Mr. Vellia pointed out that the gold mining handicaps had been brought to the attention of the Philippine government and that the miners requested some form of subsidy to help them rehabilitate. He admitted, however, that the subsidy prospects currently appear dim.

"Not Defeatism"

The Secretary said if the shareholders were anxious to resume operations, the company was "doubtless because our stake is as great if not greater. But the impact of realities cannot be resisted and to acknowledge realities is not defeatism as the Hong Kong stockholders assert. Our attitude is realistic of the conditions now obtaining and when conditions change we shall activate vigorously. Meanwhile the mining properties are protected and maintained in anticipation of eventual rehabilitation."

Mr. Vellia said Higon and San Mauricio companies have not yet received any war damage payments. Cojo Creek received 405,120.48 pesos. United Paracale received 507,531.94 pesos in the initial war damage payments. He said these sums represented 30 per cent of the approved war damage amounts for each company.

KMT Official Denies Dr. Kan's Statement

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, August 26. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek did not receive overtures from Premier Joseph Stalin in 1945 concerning the conclusion of a Sino-Soviet treaty of neutrality and agreement with the Communists—to form a coalition government nor had the Generalissimo told the Soviet ambassador of his consideration of such proposals.

Mr. Cheng Yin-fun, Secretary General of the Central Kuomintang, told this correspondent today that the revelations by Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, special envoy of Acting President Li Tsung-jen in the United States, concerning the Generalissimo's relations with Generalissimo Stalin are not correct.

Dr. Kan made public the diplomatic manoeuvres between China and Soviet Russia in order to show that the Chinese government adhered to the old conception of morality by lining up with the United States despite Moscow's efforts to win China over to the other side of the Iron Curtain.

Meanwhile official circles here are still hopeful eventual American aid, as news clippings from the United States stated that a majority of press opinion was in favour of China and critical of the policy of the States Department as seen in the White Paper.

Canton Prices Quoted In HK Currency

Canton, August 26. Owing to the depreciation of the silver yuan (dollar) and silver yuan certificate, many shops and dealers are again using Hong Kong currency.

Shops used silver yuan certificates at the instructions of the government which did not rigidly ban the use of Hong Kong banknotes. Sellers raised by ten per cent when they accepted silver yuan. Now the depreciation of the silver yuan eats up the margin.

For convenience, merchants have reverted to quoting their prices in Hong Kong dollars. One newspaper said that the Central Bank of China has so far circulated in Canton 10,000,000 silver yuan certificates which are at the saturation point.

SIR HARRY LAUDER WEAKENING

Manila, August 26. Sir Harry Lauder, former British ambassador to the Philippines, who is now in the Philippines, is said to be weakening his position.

Intercepted Ship Returns From Shanghai Run

The 800-ton British freighter Sin Soon Lee returned to the Colony yesterday after being turned from running the blockade at Shanghai by the Chinese Navy on August 20.

Described as being a former British destroyer given to the Nationalists, the naval craft stopped the Sin Soon Lee twice and threatened to fire on the second warning when the British vessel was about 40 miles off Wosung.

Mr. W. Burrow, master of the Singapore-registered freighter, reported to the agents and owners on his arrival that the Sin Soon Lee was stopped at 4.45 a.m. on August 20 when she was about 10 miles North East of Gut-laf Island.

The Chinese naval craft signalled for the identity and destination of the British ship at a distance away.

Apparently satisfied with the answers, the Sin Soon Lee was permitted to proceed on her journey.

At 7.45 she was stopped again. This time the naval craft warned the Sin Soon Lee to turn back and return to her original port of call or they would fire. She was then 40 miles downstream of Wosung, near Fairway Bell Bury.

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No Commitments To Chiang, Quirino Says

Manila, August 26. President Quirino said in Baguio that he had made "no commitments of any kind" to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek during their Baguio conference in July on a Pacific union.

At the same time, Mr. Quirino announced at a press conference that Mr. Carlos Romulo was planning for the United States tomorrow to continue working for the Pacific union project in New York.

In response to reporters' questions, Mr. Quirino said: "I want to emphasize that I made no commitments of any kind to Generalissimo Chiang. I simply thought, even before our conference, that something should be done to preserve the security and promote the unity of nations in the Pacific, and we want to implement this idea."

the Chinese Navy, the local naval authorities said that unless someone asks for help the Admiralty has no interest in their activities. No information has reached the Colony about the whereabouts of the Edith Moller.

"As far as I know I have not heard of any HM Ships leaving local waters for the North," the naval spokesman said.

It is understood that the British steamer Leong Bee is at present operating in North China waters. (The Sin Soon Lee passed her en route to Hong Kong after being ordered back.)

U.S. REDUCES NANKING EMBASSY

Nanking, August 26. The State Department has ordered a 50 per cent reduction in American personnel in the Embassy here.

A spokesman said about half of the 21 staff members may leave soon.

Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart left earlier for Washington. Personnel here will join a large exodus of Americans from Red China when the repatriation ship General Gordon docks at Shanghai.—Associated Press.

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N. GARLAND,
Acting
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, August 26, 1949.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education Office at Windsor House (3rd floor) will be closed from 9 a.m. Friday, August 26, until 9 a.m. Monday, August 29 when it will reopen at the new Telephone Building (2nd floor), Leighton Hill Road. Telephone numbers will remain unaltered.

T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education.

August 26, 1949.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

This Department will be closed on Tuesday, August 30, 1949, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

K. KEEN,
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Sino-British Club
Inaugural Meeting

The newly incorporated Sino-British Club held its inaugural meeting at the Club Lusitano yesterday evening, attended by many members of the old Sino-British Cultural Society, out of which the new Club was born.

In his address from the chair, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Chairman of the Club, reviewed the past activities of the Sino-British Cultural Society which was formed in 1945, and told of the increasing interest taken by people in the activities of the Society, which led to its formal incorporation.

Mr. Barnett repeated the first three objects of the Club, which were the keynote of its activities. They were: To promote cultural and social relations among all communities in Hong Kong; To devise ways and means of arousing and stimulating interest in the cultural heritage of the different communities; and To do everything possible to eliminate racial prejudice, discrimination, disharmony and misunderstanding wherever they may be found.

Comparing Hong Kong with other places drawing their population from different parts of the world, we were fortunate in the facility and indistinctness of the lines of demarcation drawn round our component communities," said Mr. Barnett.

"To a visitor who came here from Africa, India, or even Singapore, we had no racial or communal distinction."

"But to a visitor coming here straight from England, and to any permanent resident who kept his eyes and ears open, it was evident that distinctions existed. They might not be very grave ones, nothing that could fairly be described as discrimination or racial barriers. But distinctions and misunderstandings there undoubtedly were."

To Remove Barriers

It was the aim and object of the Sino-British Club to try to remove these distinctions and misunderstandings, and though the Club could not say that they would be able to do it, yet what else could they do but to try to remove these various barriers, barriers of education, barriers of individual pride, and economic barriers.

Mr. Barnett went on to say that the light of racial prejudice and discrimination, of disharmony, hatred and suspicion between neighbours, near and far, had their root in ignorance, and it was this enemy, ignorance, that the Club was out to attack.

Every community has something of its own to be proud of, some precious heritage it treasures, but that heritage ought not to be jealously guarded in seclusion, but should be freely exchanged and handed round for general appreciation and comparison.

Mr. Barnett paid tribute to the part played by the Services in contributing to the work of Sino-British understanding, and it was the intention of the Club to bring Hong Kong and the Service men closer together to make him feel less of a stranger and more at home among people they perhaps wanted to know and yet had not the opportunity of knowing.

Visit To Camp

Arrangements were being made, said Mr. Barnett, for members of the Sino-British Club to pay

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S K J 4
H J 10 3
A 9 5 3
C 8 5 5
S 8
H A K B 6
J 5 2
D J 10 6
C 10 3 2
N S Q 5
3 2
H 7 4
D 8
C K J 9 7 4
S A 10 9 7
H Q 9
D Q 7 4 2
C A 6
(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable).

South West North East
1 D 1 H 2 D 2 S
Dbl. S H 4 D 5 S
5 D

West led his heart K and, upon seeing the 7, repeated the suit with the A. He now knew that both East and South were blank in the suit, and could ruff the

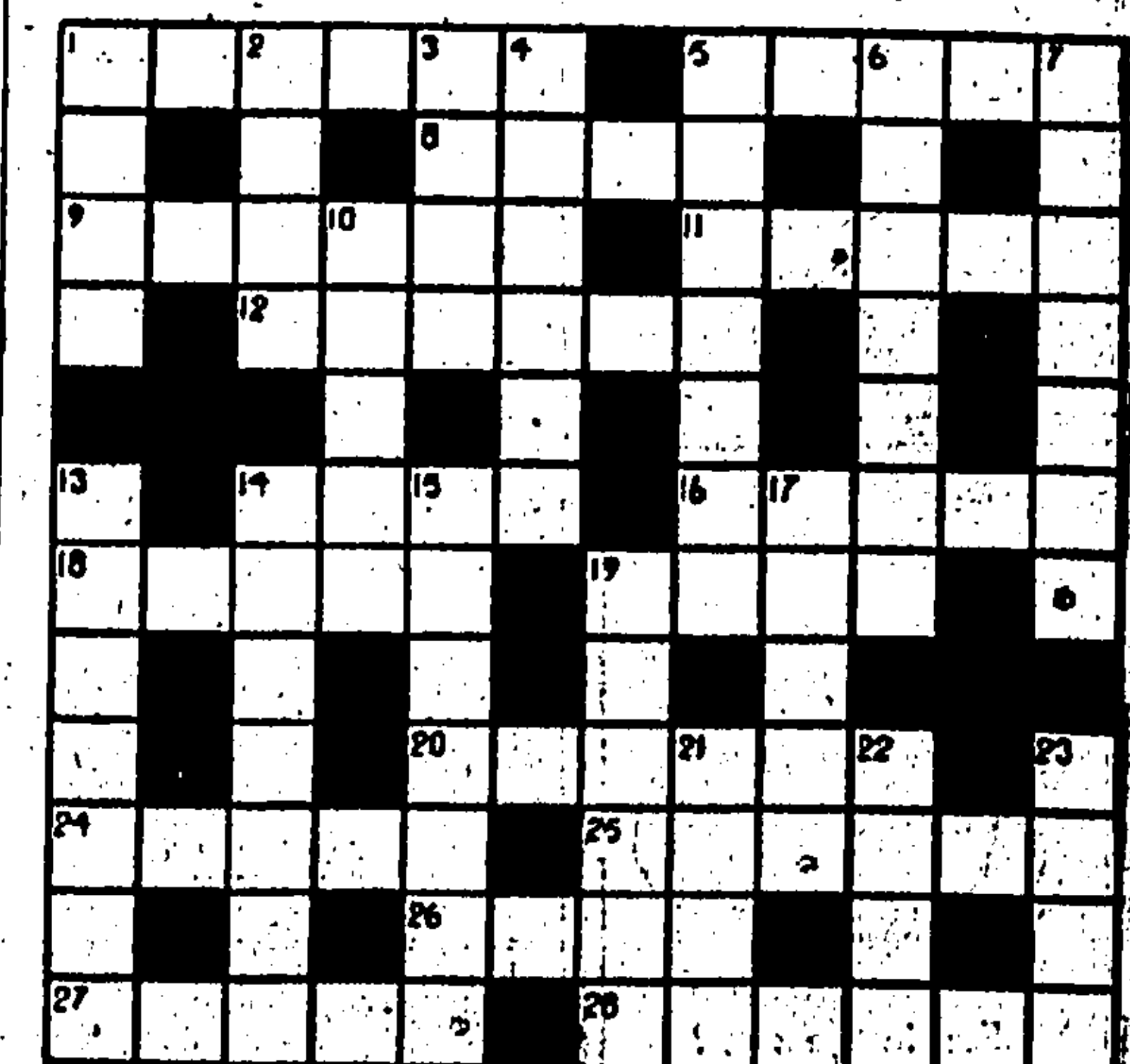
third round. Not wishing to give South instant initiative, he switched to the spade 8, the bringing forth the Q and A. The rest was a cinch for South. He raked in the diamond K, Q and A, used the established heart J for a discard of his only losing club and then spread his hand, having lost only the first two tricks.

Two birds would have been killed with one stone if West had known enough to lead a third heart. First, it would have prevented the J in dummy from being used later by the declarer to discard his losing club, thus assuring the defenders a club trick. Second, the ruffing of that third heart by East's diamond 8 would have compelled South to use the Q or K in order to over-ruff it. That would have established a trump trick for West and would have beaten the contract two tricks.

Only a very safety-minded South, against that defence, would have discarded his club anyway on that third trick, thereby accepting defeat by one trick at once in order to prevent his possibly being set two by establishing a defensive trump trick.

Your Week-End Question
Under what circumstances should a declarer plan to finesse the 10 when he has a trump suit consisting of A-10-9-4 opposite the K-Q-8, if there has been no indication that the opposing trumps are unevenly divided?

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Spaak Warns Marshall Nations

Strasbourg, August 25.

M. Paul Henri Spaak, President of the European Consultative Assembly, said today that the Marshall Plan nations lacked political unity to make the American aid programme a complete success.

In his first Press conference since he was elected President of the United Europe organisation, M. Spaak suggested that one step toward political unity might be to cease criticism of the British Labour Government's economic policies.

RUSSIANS HOLD U.S. HOSTAGES

New York, August 25.

The Russian authorities in the Soviet Zone of Germany are holding two American college boys as hostages for the return of Russian Army deserters who fled to the American Zone, according to the family of one of the boys.

Edward Oelsner, president of the United States Navigation Company, said the State Department notified him yesterday that his brother Warren, aged 20, and W. Sellers, III, of Philadelphia, were being detained by the Russians.

He said the Department quoted a message from the Russian authorities that the boys were "not in captivity but are being detained" and will be "detained" until the three deserters are returned.

"They didn't notice any words," said Oelsner. "But it's good news to learn the boys are alive and well."

It was the first definite word the family had received of the youths since the night of July 30.

"The State Department has been working hard on this thing from our point of view," added Oelsner. "Robert Murphy of the State Department and John McCloy, United States administrator in Germany, have been taking a personal part in the search for the boys."

The youth were on a bicycle tour of Germany when they were captured.—United Press.

"I think all the world should remember that most of Britain's economic problems were born whole and unresisted Germany alone," he said.

The Belgian Socialist said there should be no political conflict in the European Assembly between Socialist and capitalist delegates.

"Every Socialist realises there must be room for free enterprise in a Socialist state," he said. "On the other hand, he added, 'Obviously some planning is necessary.'"

M. Spaak said he had heard nothing official about reports that he would be named head of the revised Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, the Marshall Plan group. He was formerly chairman of the OEEC steering committee.

A Start Made

M. Spaak said a start had been made toward European economic co-operation, but that it "checks the political support necessary to push through agreements that might be painful to some of the nations."

The British countries, he said, had shown that where there was political agreement, "the most difficult technical problems can be solved."

He said also that the European Assembly could help bring about political agreement on tough economic problems. As far as Britain's austerity programme was concerned, he said, delegates should remember "there never has been a statesman who has chosen a policy of austerity rather than a policy of plenty."

He then predicted that Germany would be invited to join the new European Assembly "in a comparatively short time."—United Press.

MORE AID FOR KOREA

Washington, August 25.

The Senate by a voice vote today passed a supplemental appropriation bill including \$30,000,000 for continued aid to Korea, in the period between July 1 and September 15.

The measure now goes to a Senate-House conference committee so differences between Senate and House versions of the bill can be reconciled. The Korean aid was a Senate amendment to the original House bill.

The \$30,000,000 actually represents a new appropriation of \$12,000,000, as \$17,500,000 made available to ECA in a joint resolution passed in June 30 and later extended to August 1.

This will be in addition to the \$150,000,000 being asked for Korean relief for the fiscal year starting next July 1. Also, it is entirely separate from the \$27,600,000 which the combined Senate foreign relations and armed services committees approved on Tuesday for arms aid for the Philippines, Korea and Iran.

The ECA programme is designed to give technical assistance to Korean industry.—Associated Press.



Mr. Winston Churchill gives his famous "victory" sign to acknowledge the cheers of the crowd after he addressed a gathering at Strasbourg, during the meetings of the Council of Europe.—A.P. Photo.

Churchill Recovers From Chill

Cap d'Ail, Southern France, August 25.

Mr. Winston Churchill is recovering from a chill and plans to fly to Strasbourg for the European Assembly on Saturday morning. It was learned tonight at Lord Beaverbrook's villa there where Mr. Churchill is a guest, that he will fly to London about the same time.

Mr. Churchill was taken ill after bathing and, fearing thrombosis, sent for Lord Moran, his personal physician, who flew from London.—Reuter.

CARDINAL FOR INDIA

Sydney, August 25.

The Pope has appointed an Australian Cardinal, Dr. Norman Thomas Gilroy, as Pontifical Legate to the Plenary Council of India meeting.

This meeting is to open at Bangalore on January 6, 1950; it was officially stated.

Cardinal Gilroy was Papal Legate to the celebrations, held in Japan this year, of the 400th anniversary of St. Francis Xavier.—Reuter.

Arab Unity Agreement

Alexandria, August 25.

Egypt has emerged from the two days' talks with the Iraqi Premier, General Nuri es-Said, in full agreement on general principles for safeguarding Arab unity and the independence of Arab States, the Egyptian Premier, Sirry Pasha, said today.

The Egyptian Premier has called a special Council of Ministers for Saturday to discuss the latest developments in the Arab world, and to determine Egypt's attitude towards the new Syrian regime.

General Nuri es-Said told reporters earlier in the day that Arab leaders had plans to re-organise as well as making it a powerful tool for Arab action.—Reuter.

REDS EXPECT RELIGIOUS DISTURBANCES

Prague, August 25.

A Communist "order of the day" tonight alerted all national security police against possible religious disturbances as the nation prepared to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Slovak uprising.

The order told the police to remember the "historical connection" between the Church and the Nazi occupation, when a Roman Catholic priest was installed as a puppet of Slovakia, and the current dispute between the Church and the Communist state.

Great celebrations will start this week-end in Slovakia, Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic stronghold, and will be climaxed by a speech by the Communist president, Klement Gottwald, on Monday. Gottwald will speak in the area where Roman Catholic peasants battled Communist policy with myth and clubs last June trying to protect their priests.

The order, issued by the Ministry of the Interior to the Security police, warned: "We know an enemy is facing us, cunning and ruthless, able to commit worst hostilities, as he proved in the past."

It called on the picked force of elite Communists to be a "barrier of watchfulness and vigilance."

The unprecedented order accused the West of double-crossing Slovak patriots who revolted behaving today.—United Press.

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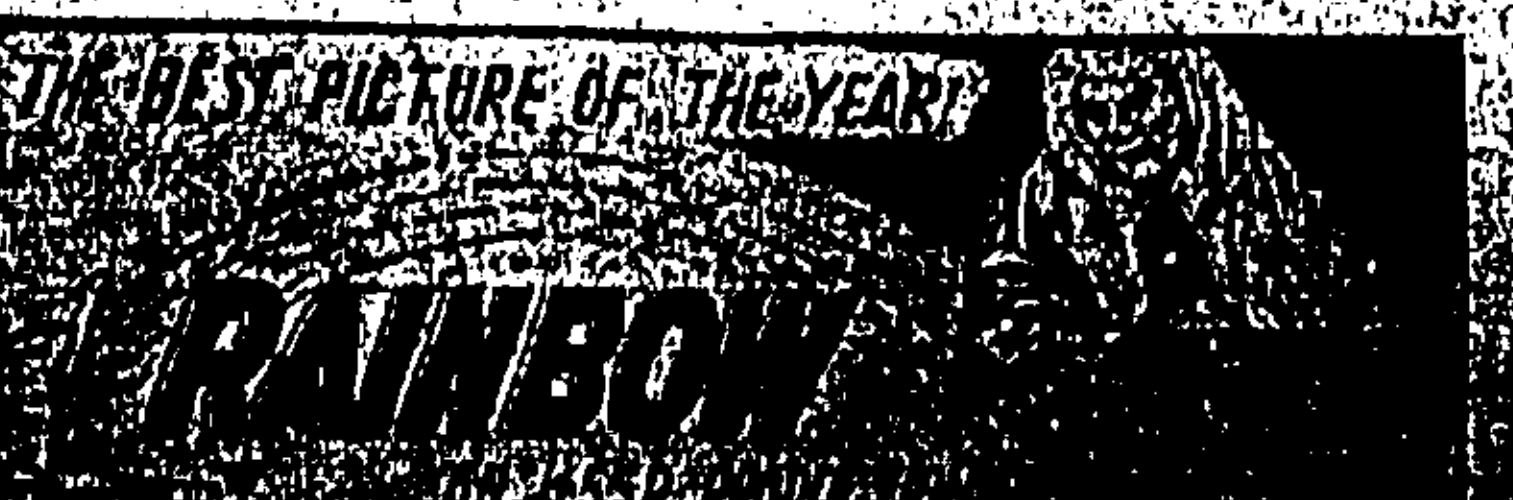
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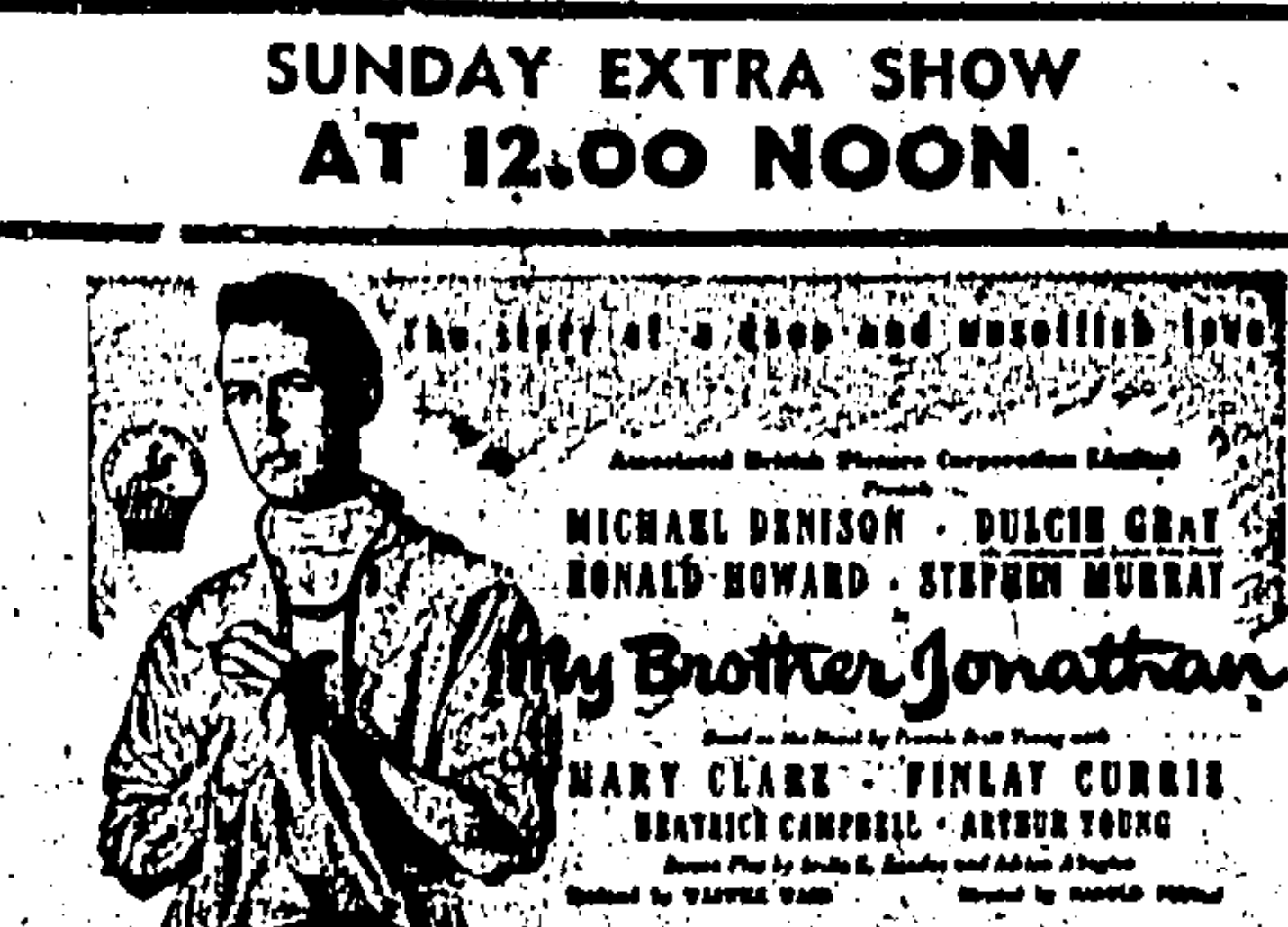


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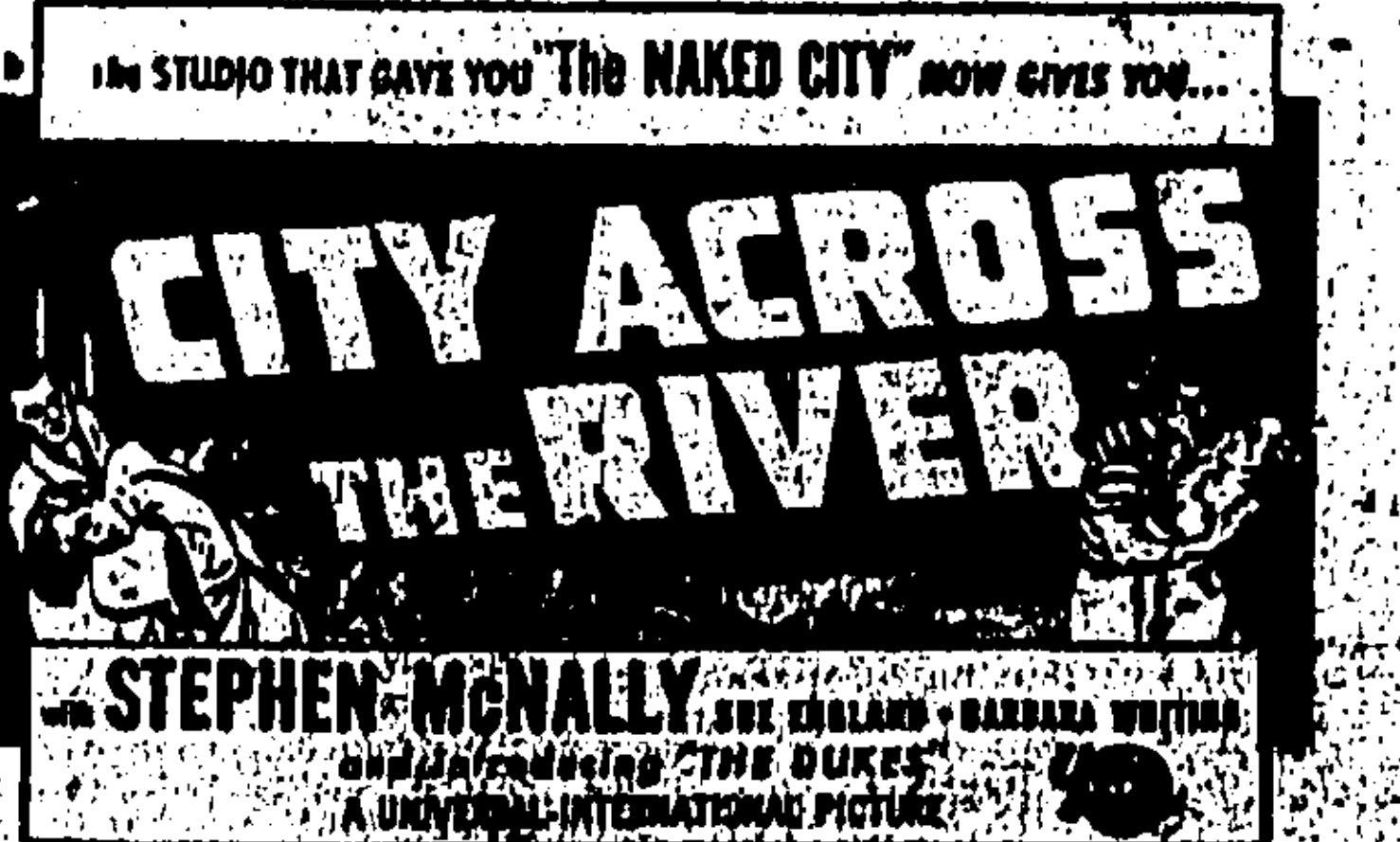


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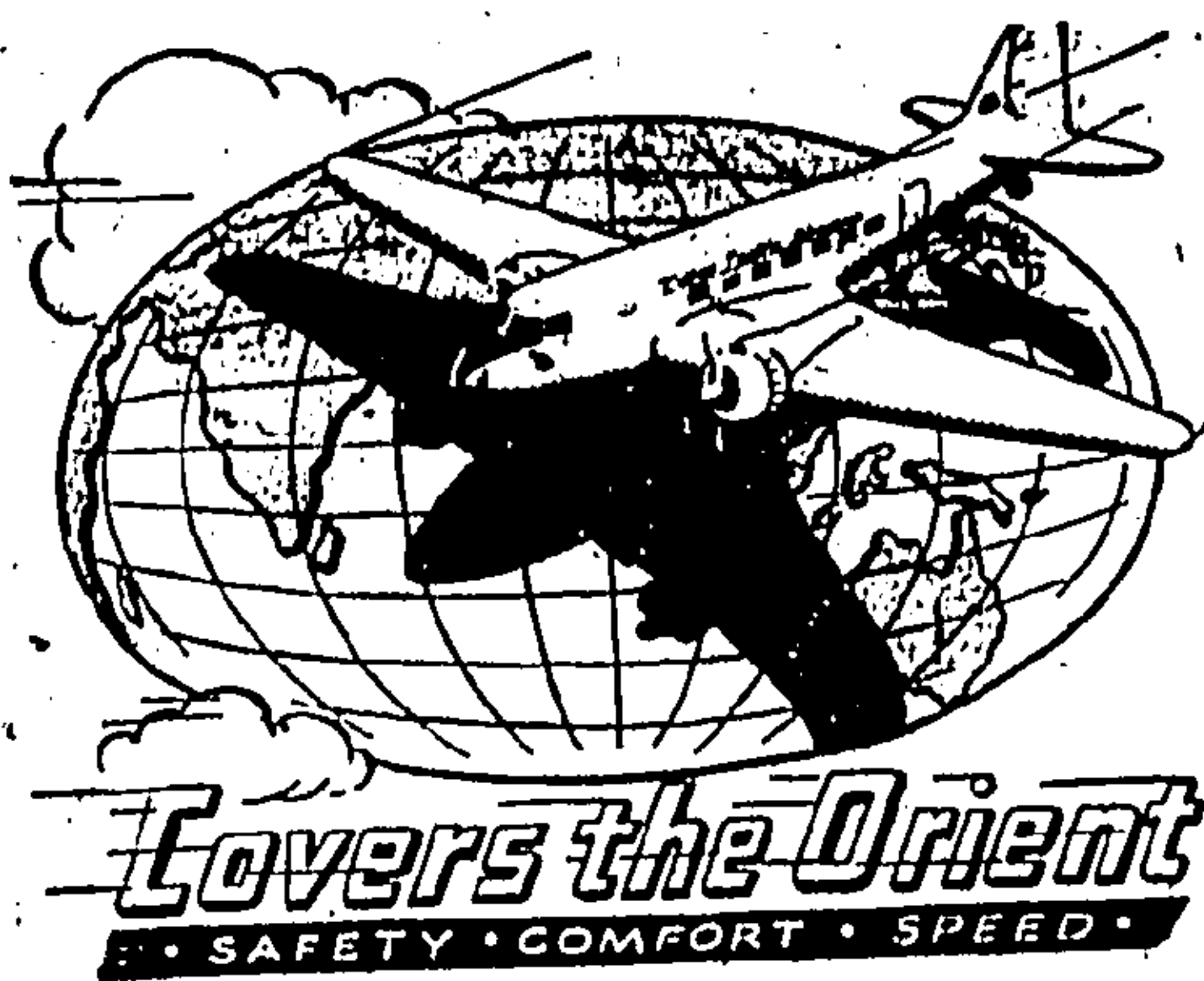
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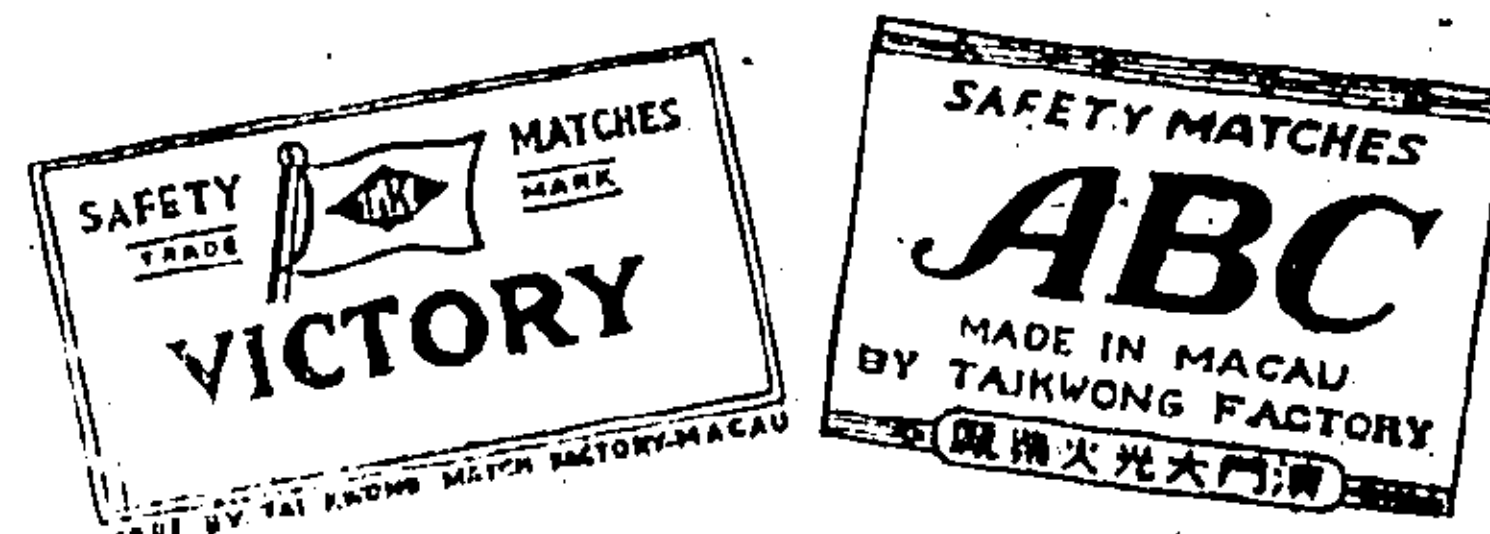
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BIRTHS

FORSYTH—At the Country Hos-
pital, Shanghai on August 23,
to Frances (nee Siljeidan)
Wife of Alastair K. Forsyth, a
Son. Both well.

OLDHAM—To Carol wife of
Y. A. Oldham, on August 28,
1949 at the French Hospital
a son, Michael William.

TRADE WITH CHINA

As the Communist armies
draw nearer to Canton, tra-
ders of every description in
the Colony, not to mention
shipping companies and air
lines, wonder more keenly
what is in store for them.

The general consensus of
opinion at the moment seems
to be that there will be an
almost complete cessation of
trade between here and the
Kwangtung capital, together
with much of the province,
in the chaotic early stages of
the new regime. There are
likely to be serious losses for
a period, the length of which
cannot easily be foreseen, but
this is not expected to
continue. South China has too
many unbreakable contacts
with the outside world, and
Hong Kong in particular, for
an absolute ban to be im-
posed, even if the Reds so
desired.

In any case, wars, new
rulers and general disloca-
tion in China have never yet
succeeded in completely stop-
ping the wheels of commerce.
The Chinese people are pos-
sibly the most confirmed of
all the world's traders, and
are exceptionally ingenious
at overcoming any and every
sort of obstacle. If one
avenue is closed, they will
find another. Even if ship-
ping routes, railways and
high roads are all banned to
them, there remain the sam-
pan, the wheelbarrow and
the backs of men. Even if
the quantities are smaller,
commodities eventually reach
their destination. Not even
fantastic inflation can stop
the deals.

It is not at all uncommon
for merchants nowadays to
go from Hong Kong to Canton
and on into the Commun-
ist-held provinces, to do busi-
ness, and return. There is
currently, for instance, a fair
volume of goods moving from
Hankow to Changsha and
down to Canton. The differ-
ence in currency seems to be
no difficulty. There are ways
and means.

Such casual ignoring of the
fact that a bitter civil war is
going on would be regarded
as strange in almost any
other country, with particu-
lars considered either as
colourful adventures or un-
scrupulous opportunists with-
out patriotism or loyalty. But
in China the trader regards
himself as apart from politics
and wars. These are the con-
cern of interested persons
seeking power, who affect
him only in so far as they
complicate his life.

This attitude of attending
to one's own business has a
very calming effect on com-
munities, it contributes to the
resiliency of the people, and
keeps the socio-economic
fabric together even after
major catastrophes.

If it is only the familiar
smuggling of first, we can be
sure that trade between
Hong Kong and China will
not be stopped for long. If it
all, there may certainly be a
trying period, and even a
partial depression in the
Colony, but there is no doubt
that even in the worst of
times, trade will continue.

A WAR-SCARRED CITY
HOLDS HALL OF PEACE

By PAMELA CHEESMOND

They were at it, hammer and
tongs—two warlike small boys
fighting on the steps in the
sunshine, on the threshold of
what the whole world hopes
will become the Hall of Peace.

Suddenly a man stepped up to
them. He separated them and
held them at arm's length while
he reproved, first in French and
then in the Germanised tongue of
Alsace.

Their fury gave way to alarm;
their tears dried; and as soon as
he released them they took hands
and fled.

"Let us hope the world prob-
lems will be as easily settled,"
said the peace-maker to me, and
he smiled. Together we turned
and started into the cool stone
depths of the main hall of the
University of Strasbourg.

When I was in Strasbourg re-
cently the stage was being pre-
pared for the opening of the
Council of Europe. While the two
small boys (who were learning
about the Council at school) car-
ried on their private war outside,
inside the university architects
and workmen were poring over
plans, hammering and sawing.

The curtain will go up on the next
act in the great drama of peace.

With the rout of the small boys,
the stranger and I had the steps
of Alsace. He was a true son
of Alsace. In the first World
War he was a captain in the
German Army; in the last he
fought for France—I saw the
ribbon of a Chevalier of the
Legion of Honour in his lapel.

Favours France

He spoke both French and Ger-
man as well as Alsatian. Alsace
is like that—a meeting ground of
two races with some of the
characteristics of both, merging to
give a charm and personality all
its own.

Today, though her people have
a certain sturdy independence of
spirit, Alsace inclines towards
France and the autonomous move-

ments of a few years ago are all
but dead.

Certainly if any city ought to
have opinions about peace and
war it is Strasbourg. As a fron-
tier town it is always among the
first to suffer—the first to be cap-
tured, the last to be released. And
its people know all there is to
know about German domination.

I stood in the Place Kleber on
France's National Day and listen-
ed to a thousand people singing
the "Marseillaise".

Every building was gay with
tricolours; the troops marched by
in the sunlight, and there were
girls everywhere in the
bright red petticoats and the em-
brodered aprons and huge wing-
ed bow headresses of their na-
tional costume.

Whispered Toast

The square, with its statue of
General Kleber, was brilliant with
colour and sunlight yet not a
word was said. "See that house behind us,"
said the grey-haired woman in
red Cross uniform, who was with
me. "When I was a girl I lived
there. On the 14th of July we
were used to sneak in a bottle of
French champagne, and we drew
all the curtains. Then we drank
our toast, in whispers—'To
France'."

I looked from the ancient tim-
bered house back to the square
again. The fire engines were go-
ing past, and the crowd was roar-
ing its applause.

"They love the fire engines in
Strasbourg," explained my friend.
"You see, in the days when we
belonged to Germany it was only
the fire brigade that had a band.
They used to play all the stirring
tunes they could, and we made up
French words and used to sing—
'Strasbourg was not about to
be sold'."

Gerard, her son, told me about
the recent war.

"When the Germans came they

took away the body of General
Kleber," he said. "But in the
same way 14th of July all we
students used to walk round the
statue, in the darkness. They
couldn't do anything to us be-
cause we never said a word—we
just walked round the statue."

Yes, the citizens of Stras-
bourg, and of Alsace generally,
know what it is like to live un-
der German domination.

Only Hope

Nevertheless there is more hope
than bitterness in Alsace today.
I talked to dozens of people, work-
men, peasant farmers, waiters,
professional men, diplomats.

"The Council of Europe—a uni-
fied Western Europe is our only
hope," they said. "There can be
no other way. Germany, when
Russia has finished in China, who
knows what may happen to us?"

The choice of their ancient city for
the Council's headquarters, and
every man's face lit up as he
added, inevitably—"Mr. Churchill
will honour us. He will come
here and we will see him."

The regard in which Mr. Church-
ill is held in Alsace has to be
seen to be believed. There has
been fierce competition among
villages and chateaux owners to have
their homes placed at his disposal.

He will be the only delegate in-
vited to a huge banquet given in
his honour, and afterwards the
whole city will gather in the
street outside to hear him speak.

If he will.

"Oh, yes—we are taking the
little ones," said a washer-woman
I spoke to. "They will always be
proud to remember they saw M.
Churchill."

Reasonable

About the eventual inclusion of
Western Germany their attitude
was surprisingly reasoned. Des-
pite all they had suffered, despite
their profound mistrust of her

("Germany weak is mild, but
Germany strong...") everyone I
spoke to agreed that no Western
Union could be complete without
the inclusion of Western Germany.

"We have to lay our personal
feelings on one side and admit
that, as a neighbour, Germany
must be included," said M. Mar-
cel Jacob, editor of a leading
newspaper and one of the most
fearless protagonists for the in-
clusion of Western Germany. But
she must never again be allowed
to meddle in the affairs of Alsace,"
he added.

"I fear only one thing," said a
French diplomat, "the possi-
bility of Germany finding her-
self in the position of being too
important as the last vestige
weight in the balance of the West
against the East, but she must
be included."

All the same I found dissen-
sion. There was the 'old profes-
sor', for instance. He was a
gentle old man, but on the subject
of Germany he became vehement.

"No, no. Let Germany stay out.
Why trust her now? The Germans
do not change. For three years,
Munich, we saw in a potash
mine, with some of my colleagues.
We were old, men of letters, some
died. I do not want to see a
single German darken the univer-
sity doors."

War's Havoc

It was easy to understand his
bitterness. All through Alsace I
had seen the houses pockmarked
with bullet holes; whole villages
ruined; the ruins of families
living in dilapidated army barracks;
the blackened shells of churches.

The poppies and the cornflowers
were blowing over the dead of
two world wars.

Yes, it was easy enough to un-
derstand the attitude of the old
professor, and even more pain-
fully easy to understand why the
Communists have seized upon the
hatred of the Germans engendered
during the war as the surest way
in their campaign of organis-
ed resistance—the only organised
resistance—to the Council.

(Though across the border, in the
Saar, they preach an exactly op-
posite doctrine.)

The Communist Party is not
very strong in Alsace. At the last
election they polled only seven
per cent of the votes, although by
the French electoral system they
were able to secure one member
of the French Parliament. Local
opinion is that in the next election
even this one member is likely to
lose his seat.

Generally the De Gaulle and
the MRP are the predominant
parties in Alsace, and are likely
to remain so. Every little village
has its picture of De Gaulle;
I saw it in farmhouses, lonely
among the mountains; in cafes and
business offices; in one of the walls
of my bedroom—and there were
65 rooms in that hotel!

Nevertheless there were many
thinking men whose opinion it
was that the power of De Gaulle
was waning. In one village I had
quite a strong De Gaulle sym-
pathy, every villager had turned
out the day before I arrived to
give a warm welcome to M.
Robert Schuman, whose foreign
policy seemed universally popular.

Their Hopes

The people admire De Gaulle
the soldier about his abilities as a
politician they are not so sure.
There are two things upon which
almost every Alsatian is agreed—
the urgent necessity for a unified
Western Europe and a horror of
Russian domination.

And it is on the Council of
Europe that they are pinning
their hopes for peace.

Peace—it was there in Stras-
bourg, with the people drinking
beer and wine under striped um-
brellas in its sunny squares, with
its half-timbered houses from an-
other age and its tinkling musical
boxes and its miraculous cathed-
ral, old rose in the sun.

It is a city of ancient beauty—
a city hoping for peace.



A news agency reports that I.
Faizul, champion long dis-
tance swimmer, set a new re-
cord by swimming 72 miles in
the Volga. There was also an
account of how a Soviet scientist
drilled a hole 20 miles into the
earth.

I understand, however, that
both men were caught and had
to go back.

Attila de Casper, Prime
Minister of Italy, is famed at UN
meetings for his diplomacy. They
tell a story that at his marriage
he was asked, "Will you have
this woman?"—and the cautious
diplomat answered, "I won't say
no."

Scottish Lawrence Marshall
made a gift to his girl-friend—a
set of false teeth. Later he
caught her with another man,
took back the gift teeth and went
on his way.

I was standing by the bar the
other evening when a bloke came
in and asked for a drink. "What
would you like, sir?" asked the
barman.

Mopping the humidity from
his brow, the chap replied:
"Sir, I skipped a man standing
next to him. 'You are speaking
about the woman I love!'"

Song of the "Special Envoys"
Round and round and round
Taddling off to Tokyo
Or anywhere else where the
greenbacks grow
And Uncle thinks it best...
Rooming here and there
Bucking the "cold war" every-
where
With never a day Trieste...
Brother, say what would this
old world do
If it weren't for Truman's
Cooks-four crew
Sticking their spoons in Stalin's
slew
—For the "welfare of the
West!"

Two Scotsmen who had been
at a party met the following
morning, and one said to the
other, "Well, Donald, and did ye
get home o' richt?"

"Aye," replied Donald. "I got
home a' richt, except that jist
as I turned a corner a policeman
trod on ma knuckles."

"Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Elder con-
tained 25 little gusts at their
home yesterday in honour of the
eight birthday of their son."

A visitor the other night was
asking Myrtle's grandfather if he
remembered when women wore
wasp waists.

"Remember!" snorted the old
gent. "That's when I got stung."

Com? Vat I can, I do...but I can't
chase all the customers away.

The boxer is a man to be ad-
mired—he always stands up for
the other fellow's rights.

"You seem very quiet tonight,
Roland," said the pretty girl.
"Are you sure you love me?"

"I love you!" the young man
exclaimed. "Good heavens, when
we were saying goodbye at the
gate last night, your dog bit a
piece out of my leg, and I didn't
even notice till I got home."

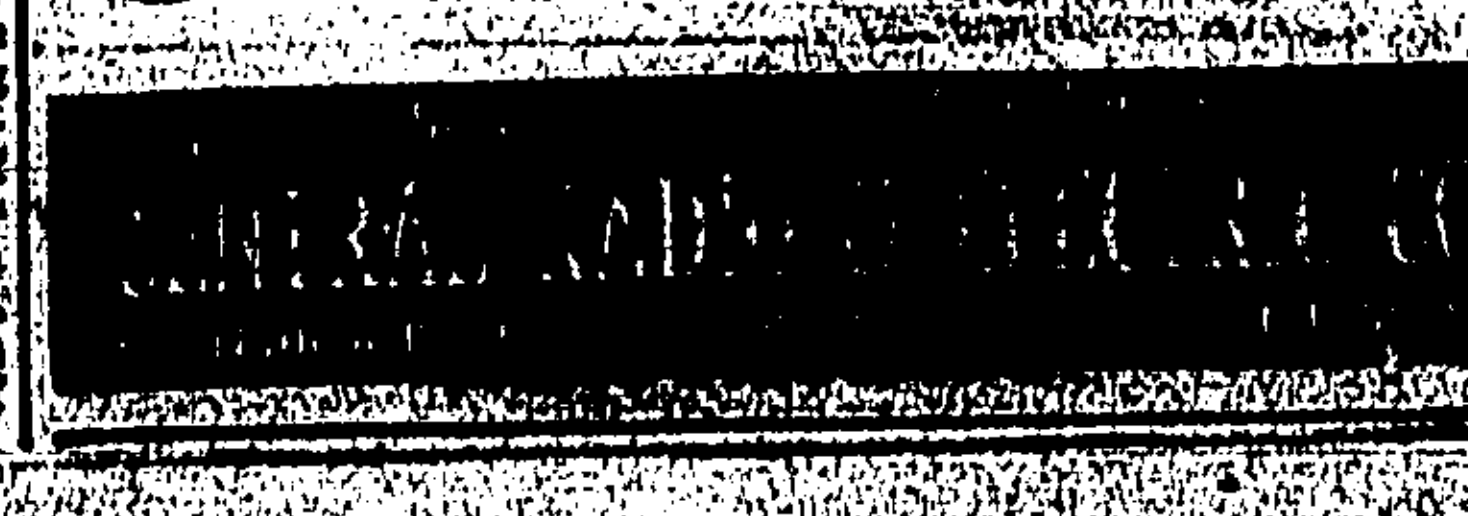
In San Francisco a man ar-
rived for counterfeiting had his
excuse ready—he wanted to
make enough money to go
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Spotlight On Litter

Is yours a tidy town? Or are
your parks and squares filled
with old bits of paper and pieces
of orange peel? Read how other
cities tackle the problem in this
article.

No Problem Here

There is no litter problem in
Zurich. So clean is the city, in
fact, that the street-cleaning de-
partment reports that Zurich is
universally recognized as the
cleanest city in Switzerland—the
cleanest country in Europe.

Here, as in other European
cities, the credit goes to the
street-cleaning staff, one street
cleaner to every 640 inhabitants.

Cleaning is done on a highly
organised basis, with cities di-
vided into small cleaning sectors—
there are 102 in Zurich—and
sweeping and watering is done up
to four times daily.

After a cleaning is done over-
night with dirt teams rein-
forced by neighbouring brigades.

No one can be fined in Switzer-
land for being a litter-lout, but
there are always fresh street-
cleanliness campaigns. Shortly
a film made entirely on the subject
of litter will be shown in Swiss
cinemas.

Amsterdam boasts it is the
cleanest city in the world.

but this reflects no credit on
her people. The city is tidy
and litter is rarely seen only be-
cause the local authorities see
that the streets are cleaned as
many as five times a day.

Occasionally picknickers are fined
for leaving litter strewn across
the parks. The authorities, how-
ever, still prefer to employ their
scores of dustmen rather than
trust the public to become litter-
minded on its own.

Like Their Pigs

As farmers visiting Denmark
are always surprised at the clean-
liness of Danish pigs, so tourists
are equally surprised at the clean-
liness of Danish streets.

In recent years, according to
the Society for the Preservation
of the Country, there has been
a noticeable decrease in the
amount of litter left in the parks
and cities.

Since 1937 it has been a punish-
able offence to leave any form
of litter on a public thoroughfare.
Recently four picknickers forgot to
"tidy up" after their lunch. They
were fined £8.

Meanwhile, apart from news-
papers in schools and news-
papers have done much to make
the Danes litter-conscious. There
are litter-louts in Denmark, but
they are becoming fewer every
year.

A Mystery

One of the mysteries of Sweden
is what happens to the tons of
ice-ly-produced paper in which
the papers still wrap parcels,
but which never seems to find its
way into the litter bins—or on
to the streets.

It is unusual to see paper lit-
tering the streets of parks and
where in the country, and even
the great Kockums shipyard at
Malmo, the third largest in the
world, is surprisingly clean.

Railway stations, public parks,
race courses, football and athletic
stadiums rarely need any organ-
ised "clean-up".

Nor is this because of any
nation-wide appeals to the public
to keep their country tidy. There
is no "Purse" or radio, anti-litter
publicity, and posters are few.

The only explanation to the
mystery of what happens to litter
in Sweden is that the Swedes love
their country, and are determined
to keep it tidy.

Black Spot

A big litter problem faces Ger-
many today.

Before the war the Germans
were forced to be litter-minded
"by order". School children were
made responsible for keeping
their playgrounds tidy and in
many towns fines were exacted
on the spot for scattering litter
in parks and streets.

After the war, this strict
control broke down. For a time
there were still hardly any litter-
louts, but the paper, the orange
and banana skins were just not
available.

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Drastic Cuts In U.K.'s Next National Budget Preparing Ground For Dollar Talks

London, August 25.

Sir Stafford Cripps told department heads of the Labour government today to get ready for a £150,000,000 cut in next year's national budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer passed the word around barely two weeks before the start of Britain's dollar crisis talks with U. S. officials in Washington on September 7.

A government informant who told newsmen of the move stressed that it was not brought about by U.S. pressure. But other informed sources said Washington has been informed in advance of the decision to cut spending at least an overall five per cent compared with the budget for the 1949-50 fiscal year, which began on April 1.

The current budget totals £3,000,000,000.

The Labour government has been under severe fire from some U.S. politicians and newspapers who accuse it of inefficient administration and spending too much on social services.

Another government informant said on Wednesday that Britain might have to revise drastically its costly credit to the grave national health service if the Washington dollar talks fail.

No actual dollars are spent on Britain's social services, but their cost helps keep taxes sky high. High taxes increase production costs. Production costs affect the price of export goods which Britain must sell in America to earn dollars for raw material and food imports.

Point In Favour

The Cripps move to pare government costs—and therefore taxes—would obviously be a point in Britain's favour at the dollar talks.

Usually the Treasury and the other departments consult on the terms of the next budget toward the end of the preceding calendar year.

The informant, who told of the economy move, said the word from Cripps was "urgent and emphatic." Cripps did not specify that he expected each department to reduce spending five per cent, but that was the overall goal. Some are expected to save more than others.

One big economy target is likely to be the armed forces. Defence spending totals a quarter of the current budget.

The spending cuts almost certainly will force reduction of Britain's army of 700,000 government clerks and administrators.

It is also expected to affect Britain's social services including the national health service. These services together with the government's subsidies to keep basic foods cheaper eat one-quarter of the total budget.

Special Charge Likely

The informant said the government might have to levy a special charge to keep the public from abusing the health service.

One suggestion is that every one who goes to a doctor or a dentist should pay one shilling both to discourage reckless use of the service and to provide the government with more revenue.

The Health Ministry's estimate of the cost of the service for the current fiscal year originally was about £250,000,000. The Minister of Health, Aneurin Bevan, recently had to ask parliament for an extra £21,000,000 to pay unforeseen costs.

The informant said Bevan may have to ask for still more before the fiscal year is out.

Senate Agrees On Arms Limit

Washington, August 25.

Two Senate Committees voted today to put a \$450,000,000 limit on the amount of "excess" arms that may be sent to friendly nations under President Truman's Military Aid Program.

The combined Committees on Foreign Relations and Armed Services adopted an amendment by Senator Richard Russell (Democrat) writing this limit into the Arms Aid Bill.

A similar limit has already been adopted by the House. Senator Connally (Democrat) told reporters that the limit would be estimated on the basis of the original cost of the excess equipment.

He said that the \$450,000,000 worth of equipment the Government proposed to send abroad could go to any of the countries covered by the Aid Bill.

These include European members of the Atlantic alliance, Greece, Turkey, Persia, Korea and the Philippines.—Reuter.

AIR FRANCE EXPANDS

London, August 25.

Air France announced here today plans for extending their Far Eastern service to Noumea, New Caledonia, adding 5,000 miles to the route now ending at Saigon.

The new link, operated with 44-seater Skymasters, will be opened on September 21 and will operate via Batavia and Brisbane.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN RECOVERY PACE SLACKENS

Washington, August 25.

The pace of European recovery has slackened, the Economic Co-operation Administration reported today in a review of its first year's operations. The dollars earned by European nations during the period were enough to pay for only one fifth of their imports from the Western hemisphere.

The report covered the year up to April 2, 1949. However, the report added, the programme's "ultimate objective of a healthy economy independent of extraordinary outside assistance" remains as a difficult but attainable goal.

The report noted that Congress had set up three aims when it authorized the European Recovery Project: Boosting production, stabilising currencies and stimulating trade among the participating nations.

"In each of these fields," the ECA said, "the nations of Europe made substantial progress in the first 12 months of the European Recovery programme."

"As the year drew to a close, however, there were indications of a slackening in the rate of progress, particularly in the export trade, which gave warning of the difficult problems that must be solved before the goal of economic independence can be attained."

Equal To Pre-War

The agency noted that Western Europe boosted its exports during the year until they were about equal to the pre-war volume. This, it said, was a significant gain. "But the persistent difficulties in earning dollars have posed a continuing problem of sustaining the high level of trade."

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No Request For New Dollar Loan --- OR GOLD PRICE INCREASE

Washington, August 25.

British officials here made it clear today that Britain would not ask at the September dollar talks for a new loan or for any other form of major dollar assistance from the United States. Nor would they press for an increase in the price of gold. Observers here thought that the British Government's spending cut, announced in London tonight, would improve Britain's bargaining position.

The news did much to weaken a view held by some Americans that Britain's economic crisis was due to the unwillingness of her government to sacrifice solvency.

British officials here said that for there to be any deviation from the line of no requests for major dollar assistance, there would have to be a substantial change in the British Government's policy between now and September 7, the date for the opening of the Cabinet level talks in Washington.

It was expected, however, that Britain would carry from Paris to Washington her fight for a larger share of the Marshall aid funds. Britain estimates her dollar needs from the Marshall plan at \$1,500,000,000 but some of the other European countries are seeking to cut Britain's allocation to less than \$500,000,000.

Loss Restrictions

The British delegation was also expected to ask for the relaxation of some of the restrictions placed by the ECA upon how and where Britain's Marshall plan dollars should be spent.

At present, the ECA law forbids participating countries to spend Marshall aid dollars on commodities which have been declared surplus in the United States.

The fear that the United States Government might declare a wheat surplus is a deterrent to the British Government spending of Marshall plan dollars in Canada. The British feel that they could save dollars considerably if they were more free to spend the dollars where they chose.

British officials here did not expect Britain to ask for any substantial reduction in American tariffs against British goods. They pointed out that American tariffs have been steadily reduced in conformity with free trade policies.

They would like, however, to see a more liberal interpretation of those tariffs and classification of the customs administration. For example, they said it was absurd to impose on imports of British cider the same tariff rates as on champagne.—Reuter.

Perth, Western Australia, August 25.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, announced here today that negotiations between Britain and Australia for the purchase of Australian meat would begin this month.—Reuter.

VIETNAM INDEPENDENCE COMMISSION

Salon, August 25.

The mixed France-Vietnam Commission for application of the Vietnam independence agreement will hold its first session in Saigon's Town Hall on August 31. M. Nguyen Phan Long, Foreign Minister in the Vietnam Government headed by ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam, announced here today.

M. Nguyen Phan Long, who will head the Vietnam delegation on the Commission, added, "The Bao Dai experiment will succeed or fail according to the results of the Commission's work."

M. Guirrec, delegate of M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, will head the French delegation.

M. Nguyen Phan Long recalled that under the agreement signed by Bao Dai and M. Vincent Auriol, the French President, last March 8, the mixed Commission is to "reach with the High Commissioner for Indo-China particular or provisional agreements which, taking account of the circumstances, shall determine the manner of transfer to Vietnam of competences previously exercised by French authority."

"The first question, already firmly advanced, will be that of justice," he said.

"The question of mixed tribunals (to judge cases involving parties from France or other parts of the French Union) is more delicate."—Reuter.

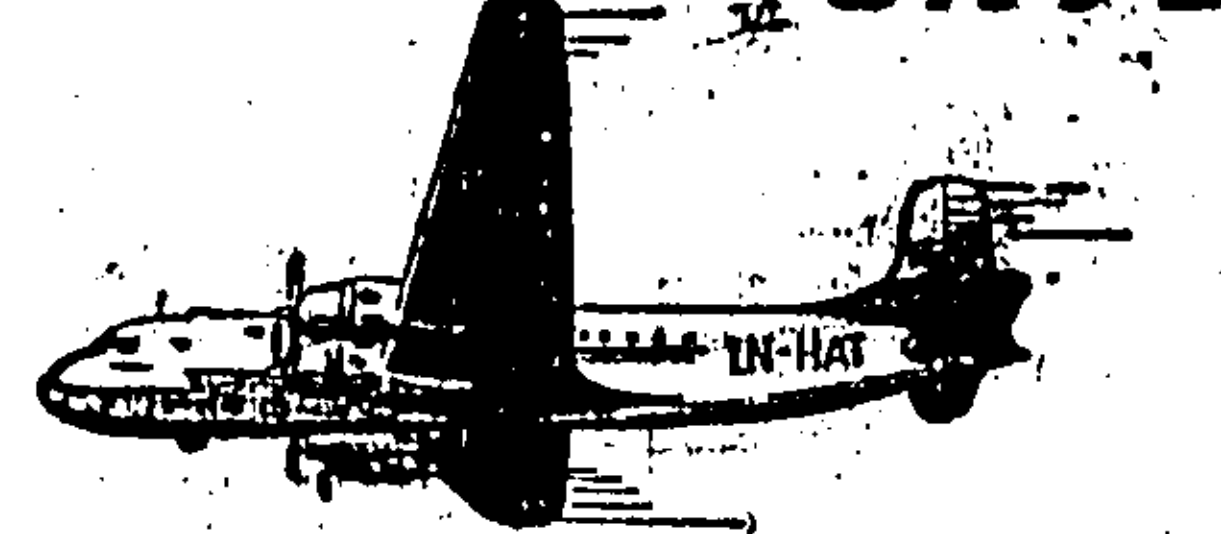
ABDULLAH IN SCOTLAND

London, August 25.

King Abdullah of Transjordan will leave for Scotland tonight to visit the Royal Family at Balmoral. The King and his second son, Prince Naif, will be given a civil reception in Edinburgh tomorrow and will spend the night at Glenelg before going to Balmoral on Saturday for a visit with King George and Queen Elizabeth.

Tonight King Abdullah was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander. His call on the Royal Family will end his official visit in Britain, which began on August 18. He will remain in London privately until September 3, when he leaves for an official visit to Spain.—United Press.

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France Asks For Arms Aid

Paris, August 25. The French Government today sent a note to the Atlantic Pact Powers stressing their need for sufficient military aid to enable her to fulfil her defence obligations.

True full text of the note was as follows: "In pronouncing on July 27 in favour of ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty, the Council of the Republic (French Upper House), interpreting the desire of the majority of the French Parliament, accompanied its vote with the following motion: 'The Council of the Republic, at the moment when it has just given a favourable opinion on the Bill authorising the President of the Republic to ratify the Atlantic Pact, certain of interpreting the real wishes of French opinion, invites the Government to use its authority with a view to obtaining: (1) From the co-signatories of the Treaty, the necessary aid to enable France to fulfil her obligations of defence and assistance which the Atlantic Pact involves. (2) First, from the Government of the United States the supply of modern armaments and equipment indispensable to give the French armies the means of fulfilling effectively the obligations of defence and assistance which the Atlantic Pact involves. (3) In accordance with the mandate given to it, the French Government has the honour to bring this text to the knowledge of the co-signatories of the Treaty as being the expression of fundamental preoccupations of the French nation and its responsible leaders. The motion corresponds to the profound conviction that individual and collective defence will be effectively assured only by the rapid and sufficient putting into effect of military assistance on the one hand, and by the establishment, at the earliest, of a concrete organisation within the conditions foreseen by Article 9, on the other hand.'—Reuter.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

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September could be our great month of opportunity.

Turning out our pockets and displaying our frayed shirts, holding out our tattered caps may produce a contemptuous, humiliating coin or two flung our way, but it will solve nothing.

The Americans, holding hard to their money-bags, ask: "Have the British got a plan? Have they an alternative to sycophancy to Uncle Sam?"

If we have not, then we had better not bother to attend the financial conference.

One of the great mistakes being made here (yes, Americans make them too) is the belief that the British have lost confidence in their country and themselves.

Americans are confusing loss of confidence in the Socialist Government—confidence which some of us never had—with loss of confidence in Britain herself.

This is a big blunder. A tremendous misjudgment that we must show up.

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That resounding crash you hear is British prestige hitting rock-bottom.

It has happened before on the roller-coaster of American public opinion, but always we have bounced back.

We will do so again, but this time it is going to be much harder. There are some ominous noises of stage. There is for instance, the dreadful hand-rubbing of smug reactionaries who, sitting in their treasure house of dollars, chant: "We told you so—Socialism won't work."

There is the gleeful creak from Wall Street and big business, obviously happy over Socialist Britain's discomfiture.

There is the unrestrained song of celebration among professional Anglophobes and isolationists. These people want to see Labour Britain wrecked and ruined. The more acute the crisis the more they will revel in it.

During the past few days the chorus of hate has got louder. There are sheers and gibes and taunts at the Socialist sick man unpleasant to the ears.

Just Too Much

I have tried to present the American viewpoint lately, but these excesses are too much to stomach.

Blaming Socialism is one thing—but this wallowing in Britain's travail is obscene.

The extreme Right here, owning the factories, the big corporations, the railways, the wheat-fields and oilfields, the timber mills, the counting houses, the chain stores, and some of the chain newspapers, now apparently wants to own our souls. More of this vilification could turn even a bright blue British Tory into a Red.

Another series like the current one in the Scripps-Howard newspaper entitled: "Utopia on the rocks—the shocking story of what has happened to a once great nation after four years of

socialism" could help send the Labour Party back to power with a thumping majority.

If Mr. Attlee and company had hired American diarists to embarrass Britain's Conservatives, they could hardly be doing a more complete wrecking job.

This "once over" business—once Great Britain, once United Kingdom, once powerful Empire, once free people—is nauseating nonsense.

I am weary of it. I am weary also of the put-just-tributes being paid to the German phoenix rising from its ashes; the slaps on the back for the ex-back-stabber Italy; the compliments lavished on the Continental nations, all of them, as if they were climbing smartly to recovery while we dive down to disaster.

When Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Bevin come here I hope they will not come apologising and fawning.

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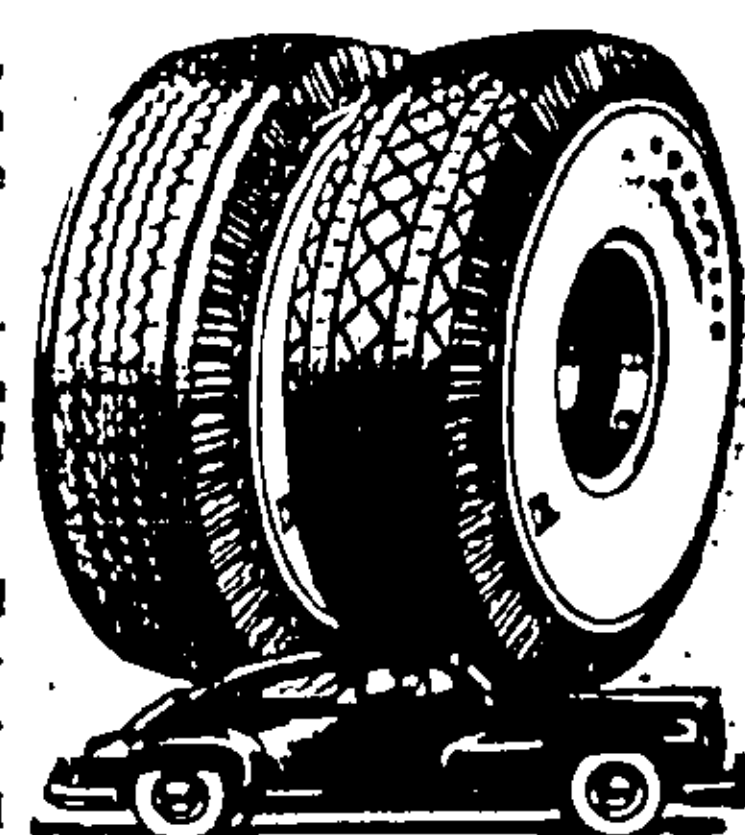


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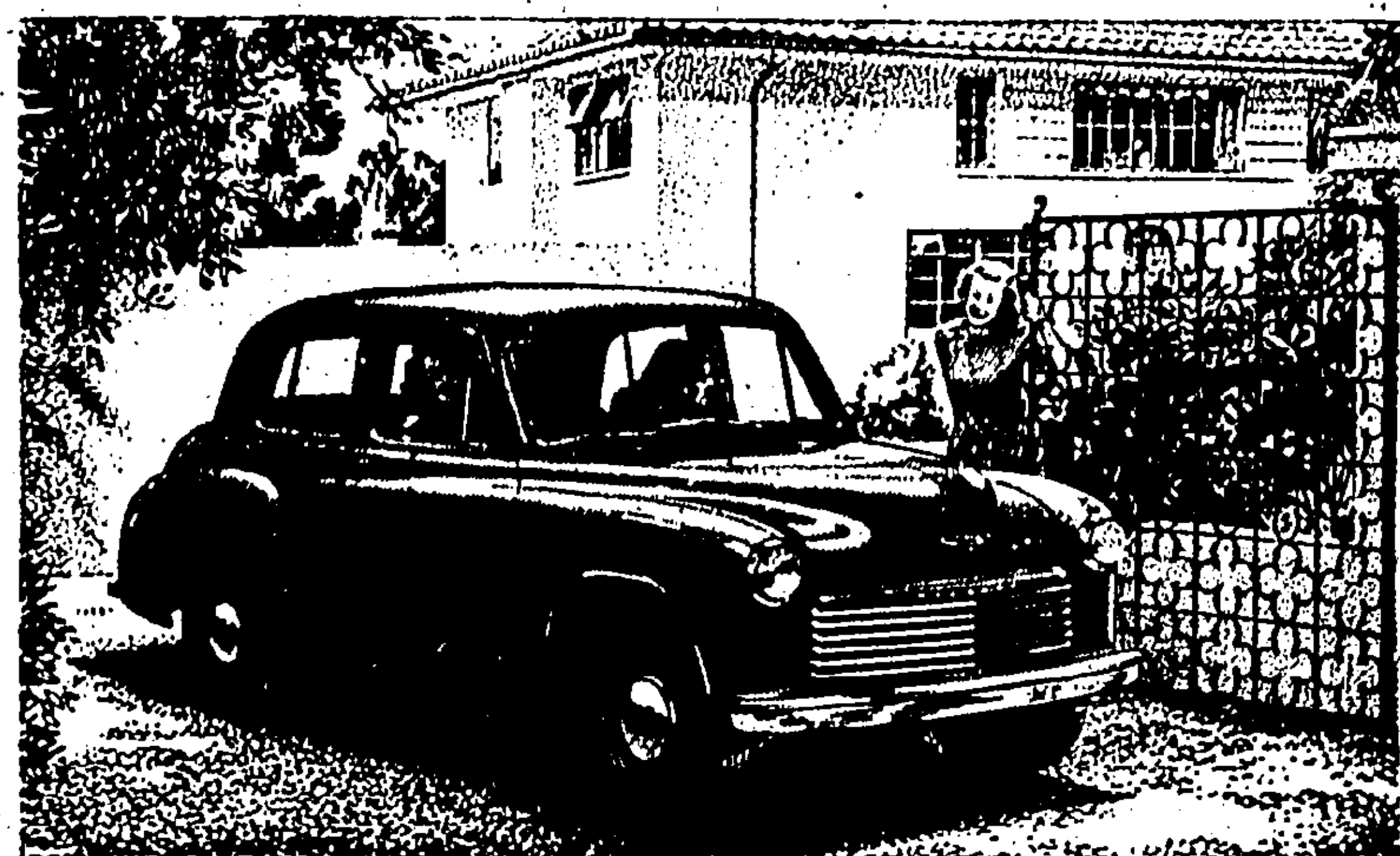
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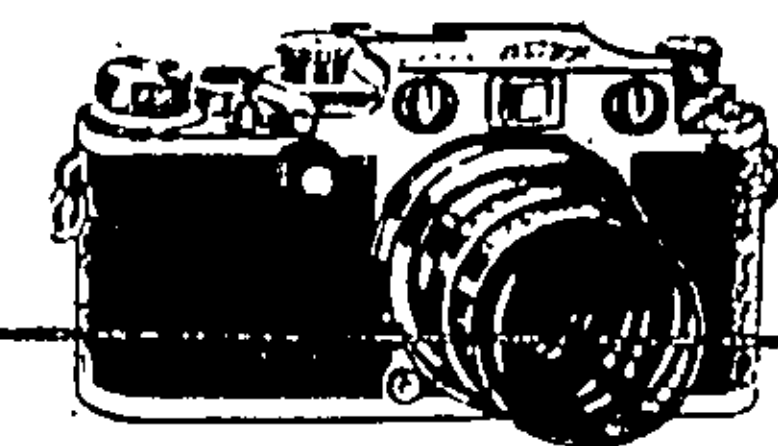
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INDONESIAN CONSTITUTION IN SIGHT

The Hague, August 25.

The Republican and Federalist delegations to the round-table conference on Indonesia aim to draw up as quickly as possible the "definite text of the provisional constitution of the United Republic of Indonesia," it was learned here today.

The Political Committee, which begins work tomorrow on the drafting of the provisional constitution, will have before it working papers from each of the Indonesian delegations.

Spokesmen of both delegations said today that "no special difficulties are anticipated" in fusing the two sets of ideas on constitution details.

A special Committee of Indonesian has been at work in Indonesia for some time preparing a draft.

The Republican and Federalist delegations both admit "the reasonableness of the Dutch desire to have the definite draft of the constitution submitted to them so that the Netherlands Parliament may know the kind of administration to which the sovereignty is being transferred."

They also accept the Dutch contention that the Netherlands constitution, as amended last year, lays it down that the Netherlands-Indonesian Union must have definite guarantees of a sound administration.

On certain aspects of the proposed Union the Republicans and the Federalists admittedly approach the problem from a different standpoint.

At the recent inter-Indonesian conference in Jogjakarta and Batavia the details of the Union were not thoroughly settled. The discussions have now been resumed in The Hague and will be carried on by the Republican and Federalist leaders simultaneously, with the general tripartite discussions in the Political Committee which is to work on the actual draft.

In general there is already agreement between both Indonesian delegations on the main features of the Union and they are unanimous on the principle of formulating the position of the Netherlands Crown as "head of the Union."

The two Indonesian delegations intend to start the new administration immediately general agreement is reached with the Dutch on the draft of the constitution.

One of the first tasks will be the choosing of a President by the Republicans and Federalists, "and to gain time we wish to begin that here in The Hague," said a Republican spokesman today.

General Outline

A general outline of the proposed administration of the United Republic of Indonesia has already been prepared by the two Indonesian delegations.

The working papers on this side of the problem include plans for the internal administration, allocation of foreign exchange assets among the governments of the various States and the Central Government, the Federal army, and the People's Assembly.

On other matters there will be a fusion of the present organizations of the Republic and the Federal States to meet local demands and circumstances.

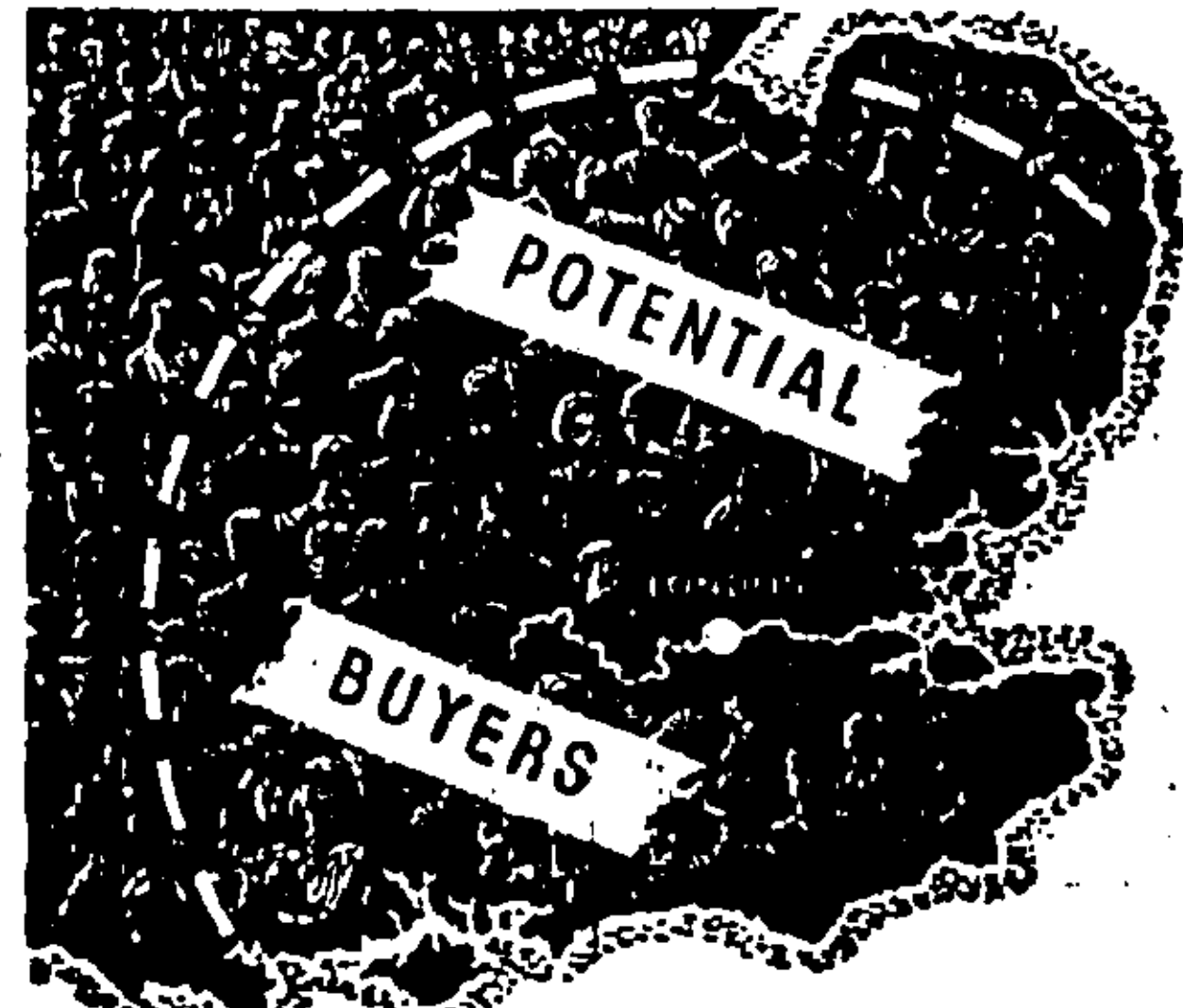
The Federalist and Republican delegates to the conference held separate private meetings today to consider the draft constitution and the Charter of the Netherlands-Indonesian Union.—Reuter.

To Make Jerusalem International

Jerusalem, August 25. The United Nations Press officer in Jerusalem, Mr. Hamilton Fischer, said here today that a plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem was now being prepared in Lausanne.

It would, he said, be submitted to the United Nations Fourth General Assembly. Mr. Fischer, who refused to give any details of the plan, was commenting on Lausanne reports that a United Nations Commissioner had been appointed to see that Jerusalem's status quo was being maintained.—Reuter.

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Forest Fire Fatalities

Washington, August 25. More men have died fighting fires in the nation's public forest during the past three weeks than during the previous five years, the Forest Service reported today.

The August death toll among the Forest Service fire fighters stands at 17. These men died in big fires which have burned more than 40,000 acres in Montana, Idaho and California. Only 13 fire fighters were lost in all national forest fires during the period from July 1, 1944 through July, 1949.

It was last reported that 3,000 men were still fighting fires in the tinder dry national forests in the three state area. The nation gets more than its money's worth from these men who are risking their lives to protect its forests, officials said.

The top pay for a forest ranger is \$4,300. The pay ranges as low as \$2,800. Patrolmen, look-outs and rangers receive \$2,300 to \$2,940 per year. Most of the fighters on big fires are "volunteers." That is, they are temporary employees. Their pay ranges from 90 cents to \$1.50 an hour. They mostly are local residents who signed up in advance of the fire season. They agreed to be on call in the event of emergency.—United Press.

Canberra, August 25. The Chinese Minister, Dr. Kuo, today agreed to waive his diplomatic immunity and allow the diplomatic immunity and allow the man injured by his automobile to sue for damages.—United Press.

THE MANSTEIN TRIAL

Death Sentence Men Asked To Testify

Hamburg, August 25.

The defence in the Manstein war crimes trial sprang a surprise here today by demanding that four Nazi "exterminators" now under sentence of death, should appear to give evidence.

One of the four, detained in Landsberg Prison, Bavaria, is Otto Ohlendorf, former Commander of the dreaded "Task Force D" which is alleged to have carried out mass killings of Soviet citizens.

Mr. S. C. Silkin, British lawyer defending the 61-year-old former Field-Marshal, Fritz Erich von Manstein, made the demand after the chief prosecuting Counsel, Sir Arthur Comyns Carr, had told the court Ohlendorf had refused to give evidence for or against Manstein.

Sir Arthur said that three former officer colleagues of Ohlendorf—Schubert, Braune and Selbert—had given evidence by deposition and the relevant parts would be read to the Court as it was not considered proper that these men should give evidence personally.

This was contested late today by Mr. Silkin who said that the evidence, taken on commission, should not be heard on the ground that they were self-confessed murderers, alleged accomplices of Manstein and, being under sentence of death, "had

every interest in the world to lie and blame their own crimes on somebody else."

"There is no reason," Mr. Silkin said, "why these witnesses, who are alive today, should not be produced. If the Prosecution wishes to base its case on men of that type, so that the Court can see them in the witness box and judge from their demeanour and that of the accused which of them is telling the truth."

Highly Improbable

After the defence demand for the four witnesses, Sir Arthur said that they were all in American custody. He was instructed it was highly improbable that the United States would agree to sending them to Hamburg.

The four men had been kept alive until their sentences were confirmed and all four had sent

petitions for habeas corpus to the American Supreme Court.

As Sir Arthur had, earlier in the day, completed his outline of the 17 charges against Manstein, the ex-Field Marshal was several times heard to mutter, "All lies" and "Filthy."

The Prosecution accused him of liquidating thousands of Russian Jews and gypsies and using prisoners as mine-field guides.

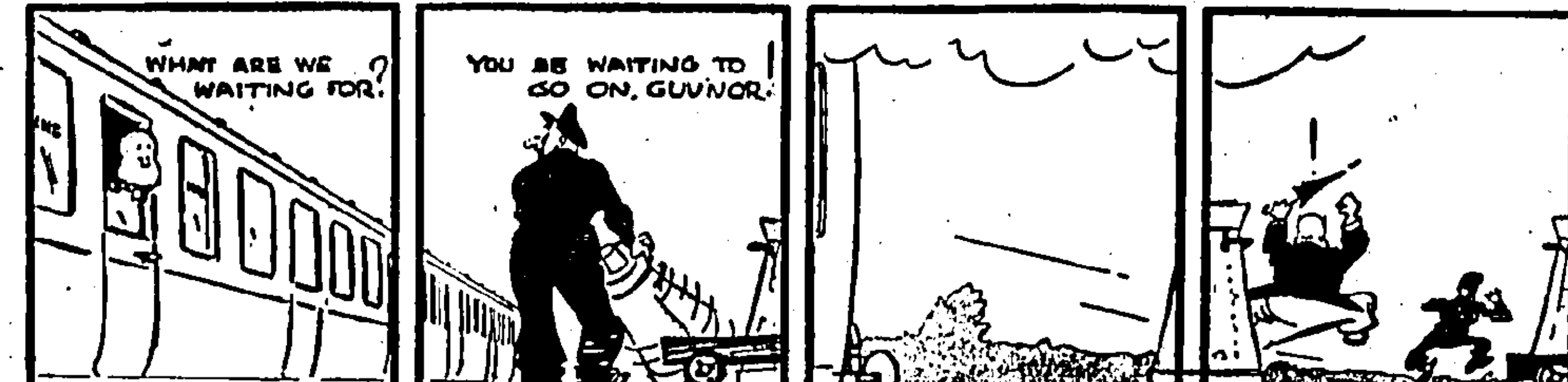
Sir Arthur said that many thousands of Russian civilians were executed on any pretext.

He said that while many killings were carried out by a task force the Court would hear evidence that the order for the massacre of 19,000 Jews at Babi Yar, in 1941, came from the Headquarters of the Eleventh Army, formerly commanded by Manstein.

Sir Arthur, who quoted liberally from Nazi wartime orders and directives, accused Manstein specifically of issuing two orders calling for the use of prisoners of war to increase the operational strength of the German fighting troops.

Some prisoners, he charged, were forced to work in mine clearing, building fortifications and in the supply services. One corps order suggested that prisoners should be used as guides through mine-fields.—Reuter.

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8.00—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay).
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Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon. (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Kowloon, Airmail for Kowloon and Calcutta; Airmail for Taipei; Airmail for Hukow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy; Airmail for Chungking and Chongtu, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Hukow, Hukow via Hukow, Straits and Batavia, 11 a.m.
Hukow, 1 p.m.
Amoy, 2 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Swatow, 3 p.m.
Korea (via Inchon), 3 p.m.
Tientsin (via Canton), 5 p.m.
Calcutta, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m. 28/8.
Airmail for Kowloon, Chungking and Chongtu; Airmail for Luchow and Kuning, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 27/8, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 28/8.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy; Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 27/8, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 28/8.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 27/8, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 28/8.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 27/8, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 28/8.

Closing Times by Sea

Amoy, 9 a.m.
Swatow, 9 a.m.
Formosa, via Keelung, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi (Bara, Nairobi, Mumbai, Daras, Balaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi), Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon GPO, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, Sourabaya, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Japan, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No. 1000 for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

NEW YORK COTTON FUTURES

New York, August 26.

Cotton futures were easy today in slow trading. Futures closed unchanged to 55 cents a bale lower.

October	29.94-95.
December	29.84.
March	29.81-82.
May	29.72.
July	29.10-12.
October	27.31-32.
Middling Spot	31.77 nominal, up 2.

—Associated Press.

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S.S. "CORFU"	Sailed	24th August
S.S. "CANTON"	Sailed	24th Sept.
S.S. "CARTHAGE"	Sailed	24th Oct.
Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.		
HOMEWARDS	LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
S.S. "CORFU"	2nd Sept. (noon)	4th October
S.S. "CANTON"	28th Sept.	28th October
S.S. "CARTHAGE"	24th October	23rd November
S.S. "CORFU"	20th November	19th December
S.S. "CANTON"	16th December	15th January
Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.		

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"PIONEER MAIL"	Sept. 6
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"PIONEER BAY"	Sept. 12
"PIONEER DALE"	Oct. 2

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"PIONEER VICTORY"	Arr. Aug. 28	Sail Aug. 30
"PIONEER TIDE"	Sept. 2	Sept. 4
"PIONEER MAIL"	Sept. 22	Sept. 24
"PIONEER BAY"	Sept. 28	Sept. 30

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SAILING 29th AUGUST

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJALENGKA" 31st Aug.	2nd Sept.
"TITJADAK" 16th Sept.	16th Sept.
"TITJADANE" 20th Sept.	

MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJALENGKA" 31st Aug.	28th Aug.
"TITJADAK" 3rd Sept.	15th Sept.
"TITJADANE" 7th Sept.	
"TITJADANE" 17th Sept.	
"TITJADANE" 30th Nov.	23rd Sept.
"TITJADANE" 30th Nov.	18th Oct.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" 3rd Sept.	1st Sept.
"TASMAN" 30th Aug.	30th Aug.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" 21st Sept.	12th Sept.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJADANE" 17th Sept.	
"TITJADANE" 30th Nov.	23rd Sept.
"TITJADANE" 30th Nov.	18th Oct.

Calling at Mombasa & L. Marques Direct.
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to
Dar-Es-Salaam and Zanzibar.
no passenger accommodation.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJADANE" 14th Sept.	
"TITJADANE" 5th Oct.	
"TITJADANE" 21st Sept.	1st Oct.
"TITJADANE" 20th Oct.	29th Oct.

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE

EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIJNKERK" 7th Sept.	Early Sept.
"MARIEKERK" End Sept.	Early Sept.
"MOLLEKERK" End Oct.	Early Oct.

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to India, Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIJNKERK" Early Sept.	6th Sept.
"MARIEKERK" Early Sept.	End Sept.

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m.v. "DONA AURORA"	Mid Oct.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

British Economic Drive Target Raised

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market is working on very restricted lines, and it is difficult to know where to apportion the blame. There are buyers about who naturally will not operate unless they do so at their own limits. On the other hand, sellers offer shares at a price too divergent to attract buyers. Added to this, the Market is undoubtedly short of most of the popular stocks and the result, "pull devil pull baker" with not much business transacted.

For no apparent reason Hong Kong Stocks have shed 50 points this week and are now obtainable at \$1400.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
10% Loan 1949.
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10% Loan 1951.
H.K. & S. Bank 10%, 1400.
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INSURANCE
Canton Ins. 30%
Union Ins. 60%
China Underwriters 60%
H.K. Fire Ins. 25%.

SHIPPING
Dunlop 20%
H.K. & S. Steamships 17%
Indo China 10%
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LANDS, HOTELS & HOUSES
H.K. & S. Hotel 10%
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UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 10%
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INDUSTRIALS
Cold. Mfg. 10%
Canton Ins. 10%
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STORES & CLOTHING
Dunlop 10%
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MISCELLANEOUS
China 10%
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NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
S.S. "BENCRAUACHAN"

Due Hong Kong August 27, 1949.

Notice is hereby given that owing to lack of godown space all paper and board consignments arriving by the above vessel will be discharged over-side to consignees' lighters immediately on arrival of the vessel, and consignees are requested to make arrangements accordingly.

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London, August 25.

Belief that the British Government's "economy drive" might eventually be raised to 10 per cent by pruning administrative expenditure in spending departments was expressed in some financial quarters here tonight.

Economies of five per cent which the departments were today told by the Treasury they must make in next year's budget will not affect "Welfare" benefits, authoritative quarters said.

It was thought that the departments should not find it too hard to make the five per cent cuts. Some financial circles thought the Ministry of Health might be pressed to stop free health treatment for foreign visitors to Britain, but that pressure was more likely to come from the public than from the Government.

One source estimated that Government expenditure in the current financial year might be £100,000,000 above the budget estimate of £3,000,000,000. If the proposed economies do amount to a five per cent saving on the budget estimate, this would give a saving of £50,000,000 in the 1950-51 financial year, compared with actual expenditure this year.

Occasions said that he would not expect anyone could tell him how to do it. Now, he has apparently instructed Government departments to find out for themselves.

Small though the proposed cuts may be, it is not unreasonable to take them as an earnest of things to come, and not just a "gesture" made to placate Washington.

Government departments have an unhappy knack of over-spending their budget estimates and so far, since the end of the war, their supplementary estimates have been passed by Parliament without much objection by Labour Party back-benchers.

In future it may be that the Treasury will return once again to its pre-war status as fierce "watch-dog" of other departments' expenditure.—Reuter.

Money Market
There was little change in US dollars yesterday opening at HK\$40.5 and closing at \$40.4. It was put through between HK\$40.4 and \$40.5.

Australian pounds opened at HK\$12.40 and closed at \$12.50. Pounds dropped to HK\$12.57 a 100 after opening at \$13.

Guilford at HK\$25.50 a 100, and NEM. Guilders at HK\$29.50 a 100 were unchanged from the previous day.

Notice To Consignees
From JAPAN
Consignees Per Ship
s.s. "NANKIN"

Are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of Storage of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after the 27th August, 1949.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on the 29th August, and the 1st September, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 17th September 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of ex ship's side or alternatively ex the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's premises unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, August 27, 1949.

Notice To Consignees
s.s. "ESANG"
From SAIGON, STRAITS, & CALCUTTA
arrived August 22, 1949

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed in the premises of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 1949. Consignees are advised to have their Representatives present during the survey.

Consignees are warned that claims for damage or shortage may not be accepted if the damage is not surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of Consignees' Representatives at this appointed time.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, August 26.

The stock market edged up to slightly higher price ground, on Thursday, in another lull session. Gains were small, mostly minor fractions, but they were liberally distributed.

Only 750,000 shares moved, including another huge block of 25,000 shares of Commonwealth and Southern.

High points of the day were United States Steel, Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, Chrysler, Goodrich, Montgomery Ward, Western Union, American Telephone, Dow Chemical, General Electric, Santa Fe, Standard Oil of New Jersey and Packard.

Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 58.02
20 Industries 179.01
15 Rails 45.77
10 Utilities 35.50

Closing stock quotations:
Adams Express 19%
Alaska Juneau 3%
American Can 9%
American Smelting 40%
American Telephone 14%
American Tobacco 11%
American Waterworks 7%
Anaconda Copper 27%
Aviation Corp. 5%
Baldwin Locomotive 9%
Barnes 48%
Bendix Aviation 28%
Bethlehem Steel 20%
Boeing Aircraft 10%
Borden Co. 43%
Canadian Pacific 12%
J. I. Case 38%
Chrysler 51%
Colgate 30%
Commercial Solvents 10%
Corn Products 63%
Du Pont 50%
Eastman Kodak 42%
General Electric 37%
General Motors 60%
Goodrich 62%
Goodyear 39%
Homestead Mining 42%
International Harvester 26%
International Paper 54%
International Tel. & Tel. 8%
Johns-Manville 39%
Kennebec Copper 48%
Montgomery Ward 62%
National Distillers 20%
National Lead 31%
New York Central 10%
Packard Motors 3%
Pan American Airways 8%
Pennsylvania R.R. 14%
Radio Corp. 11%
Republic Steel 19%
Reynolds Tobacco 38%
Schenley 28%
Sears-Roebuck 40%
Shell Oil 35%
Socoy Vacuum 15%
Southern Pacific 38%
Standard Brands 20%
Standard Oil of Cal. 67%
Standard Oil of N.J. 67%
Studebaker 22%
Union Bag 24%
Union Carbide 30%
U.S. Rubber 38%
U.S. Steel 22%
Westinghouse 24%
Youngtown Sheet & Tube 62%
U.S. Lines 15%
Gen. Pub. Utilities 14%
Hemington Rand 9%
Corporate bonds held steady, as did United States government issues in over-the-counter trading.

Credit of the Canadian government received triple rating with a group of investment houses offered the republic 100 million of dominion bonds. The bonds bearing a two 1/2 per cent coupon and maturing in 25 years, were priced at 100 1/4 to yield 2.73 per cent. Bonds went to a premium around 1/4 point immediately and quick over-subscription of the issue was expected.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees
m.v. "MONGABARRA"

Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the North Point Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on August 29, 1949, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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at

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Passengers boarding Monday from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Heavy baggage should be delivered to the Baggage Godown

No. 50, Gate 2, Canton Road, Kowloon,

not later than Sunday, August 28 at 5.00 p.m.

Only light hand baggage may be taken to ship through Gate 1.

BEN LINE

ARRIVALS

SHIP FROM DUE
"BENALBANACH" U.K. via Singapore In port
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. (Direct) 27th Aug.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 28th Aug.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 31st Aug.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 5th Sept.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 10th Oct.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 20th Oct.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 2nd half Oct.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore End Oct.

SHIP TO LOADING
"BENALBANACH" U.K. via Singapore 30th Aug.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. (Direct) 31st Aug.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore Mid Sept.
"BENCRAUACHAN" U.K. via Singapore 29th Sept.
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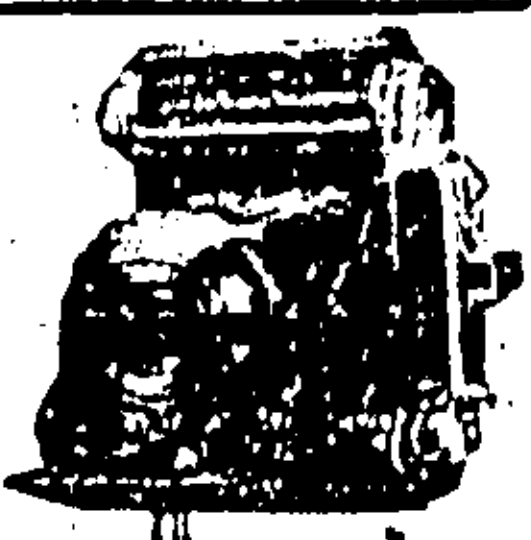
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New Zealand Declare At 204 For Six In 2nd Innings

Canterbury, August 26.

The New Zealanders declared their second innings closed against Kent here this morning when they had carried their overnight score of 139 for four to 204 for six.

In 45 minutes, the tourists added 65 for the loss of Donnelly and Wallace, and Kent were left to make 379 for a victory at an average of 89 an hour. By lunch, the County had made 72 for two.

Kent were soon in trouble, losing Todd when he mistimed the fourth ball of the innings and Sutcliffe took an easy catch at second slip. Burt developed an immaculate length and one or two wickets helped his spin. Fagg and Ames held out for an hour and then Rabone clipped in a factor ball which took Fagg's off-stump. Davies was not happy and made only a single in the remaining 25 minutes before lunch. Scores: New Zealand, 1st innings, 350; Kent, 1st innings 104.

CCC Move Closer To Title

Canterbury, August 26. Although the New Zealanders dismissed Kent today for 104 in reply to their own first innings total of 350, they did not enforce the follow-on. At the close of play, they were 139 for four in their second innings.

Only Todd, Davies and Pawsen showed any determination against the tourists' attack, and after lunch the last eight wickets went down for the addition of 95 runs. Of these Pawsen made 50 in a venturesome display of hitting that brought him seven fours.

Tom Burt for the seventh time on the tour took six wickets. He delivered his left-arm slow balls skilfully to a packed offside field and the New Zealanders brought off a number of smart catches.

Todd completed his 50 after lunch by driving Cowie for four, but in the next over he was bowled by a ball which was pitched from a good length. His 54 was made out of 94 in two hours and 20 minutes, and he hit six fours.

Pawsen, favoured by loose deliveries, hit six boundaries in his first 20 runs, but when Davies delivered him a big hit off Rabone he was bowled. He had batted 100 minutes for his 36.

The New Zealanders took control of the game. Pawsen was quietened, and Burt held a hot return to dismiss Evans. Next Clark tried to cut Burt and was taken by the wicket-keeper.

Godfrey Evans, the England wicket-keeper, caught the four batsmen who lost their wickets before the close, raising his number of victims in the match to nine.

When the opening pair had put on 81, Ridway in a fine spell of bowling dismissed Rabone, Mooney and Smith in ten balls. He also lost his wicket before the close, when the New Zealanders were 139 for four. Reuter.

TODAY'S SOFTBALL

Three interesting softball games have been arranged for the week-end, two of which will be played today and the other tomorrow. At 1.30 p.m. today, the Hong Kong Musicians Union will meet a team from USS Begor on the CBA diamond at King's Park.

An all-American affair will take place at Happy Valley at 4.30 p.m. also today, when USS Floyd's Bay and USS Dixie cross bats.

At 10 a.m. tomorrow, Blas Despa's "El Cumbanchero" squad will tangle with USS Floyd's Bay at King's Park and this game should result in a keen tussle for honours.

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HONG KONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1949.

Softball Committee Tackles Umpire Problem

(By "GRANDSTAND")

An umpire has a definite place in a game and it has been long recognised that the success or otherwise of a league depends on the capabilities of these men.

The provision of suitable officials for games has always been a burning question with the Softball Association and, judging from the number of protests lodged last season, it would appear that the standard is on a downward trend to the detriment of the popular pastime.

Realising the urgency of the situation, the General Committee of the Association tackled the problem in the course of a lengthy discussion during the week.

It was admitted that the task of umpiring a game is a thankless one, often calling for criticism from spectators, but the recommendations suggested by the Committee for endorsement in Article 10 of the Constitution at present under review, should iron out most of the difficulties.

Among the decisions reached is one which calls for the creation of an Umpires' Register, in which will be entered the names of at least two representatives of the participating teams.

From these recognised officials, an Umpire-in-Chief will be appointed by the Association, whose main task is to arrive at a common interpretation of the Rules of the Game with his colleagues, thus removing any doubts and futile protests as to the accepted meaning of the phraseology of the Rules laid down.

Each rule is of extreme importance in the playing of the game, and George Dickstein Umpire-in-Chief of the Federation of A.S.A. Umpires, New York, advises that the Rules should be re-studied from time to time.

He also states, from experience, that if meetings be held at regular intervals for the purpose of discussing and re-reading the manual, then a great step towards uniformity in umpiring will have been made.

Softball is no longer in the back-ground of local sport and the utmost should be done to maintain as high a standard as possible.

The appointed Umpire-in-Chief will have wide powers, but in the event of an odd situation which the Rules do not cover, the Association has made provision for an Arbitration Board to deal with any appeal.

Official recognition is given to the Registered Umpires in that "no game shall be officially recorded unless it is umpired by the appointed members on the Umpires' Register, but in the event of any umpire not being available on the field, then two opposing managers may agree on a third party."

It is hoped that all officers delegated to officiate will not fail the Association in its struggle against almost unsurmountable obstacles for the promotion of the game.

It is intended to appoint umpires for the first half of the league programme at the beginning of the season to provide sufficient notice.

The Association is further empowered to compensate umpires by way of suitable lunch-hour refreshments for those who may require same.

Official Handbook

The publication of an Official Handbook, which will incorporate the latest fixtures, tables, and Constitution, is under consideration. If the venture proves successful, a fortnightly gazette will be published in which will be recorded rulings etc. laid down by the Association from time to time, as well as latest playing statistics and other softball articles.

The question of playing fields was also brought up at the meeting and there does not seem to be any reason why permission will not be again granted for the use of the Recreation Football Ground and the C.B.A. enclosed park.

In view of the popularity created by the weekly Cumbanchero games against several US Navy outfits at Happy Valley, there is a section of Softballdom which is clamouring for league games on the Island.

Whether this will be practicable or not will be decided by the Association, but if possible, it will add a considerable number of fans to this growing sport.

Probable Teams

Although the Canadians, who won the pennant last year have not yet sent in their entry for this season's flag chase, it is understood from reliable sources that they intend to defend their title with the same line-up as last year, with the exception of Luke, who has been replaced by a new recruit.

Flash Robbins who is away on furlough is expected to return in time for the major part of their campaign.

Teams which intend to participate in the Association's league are expected that applications should be sent in to Hon. Secretary, F. W. Hollands, 7 Leighton Hill Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible.

Latest Senior League hope is that St. Joseph's, who have always distinguished themselves on the diamond, will be in the flag chase this year.

The only member who will be missed from their regular line-up is Jack Brown, who has switched affections to St. Theresa's.

There are indications that Revere will not participate this year as their heavy sports commitments during the winter will not allow them much spare time to devote to softball.

V.R.C. is also uncertain whether they can field a side or not, as former Clubbers Peppy Malix, and Igmar Eklund will don the colours of that up and coming St. Theresa's.

Both the Junior League Champions and runners-up, the Braves and Jaguars respectively, have decided on first division participation. The former have been scouting around for talent while the latter have acquired speedy Joey Franco as their first string hurler.

Overseas Chinese will also threaten the title-holders as they have been seriously training for some time under the capable guidance of "Showboat" Ali and "Sherry" Bucks.

Baseballers will field the same line-up while the Madcaps have been busy rounding up their former players. It is also understood that Charlie Figueredo will be in charge of the training programme. Despite rumours of a Jaguar-Madcap merger, there is no foundation for this.

It is understood that a movement is afoot to round up as many Shanghai players as possible and form a squad to compete against local sides. We have heard so much about the Shangkai brand of ball, and this will be a good opportunity for them to put their words into action.

Ray Robinson To Fight Villemain?

New York, August 26. Boxing promoter James Norris said today that he is negotiating to have Ray Robinson fight the Frenchman, Robert Villemain, at Detroit in October.

Norris said he would prefer to have Robinson challenge for the world middleweight title in a big outdoor show next summer rather than to have an indoor fight this winter at Madison Square Garden.

Robinson knocked out Steve Bellosse on Wednesday to become one of the leading middleweight challengers.

Bellosse made good showing and may be matched versus the Frenchman, Laurent Dauboulle, at the Garden this autumn.

Robinson is also willing to defend his welterweight title versus Charley Fusari if Fusari beats Rocky Graziano three weeks hence.—United Press.

A BREAK FOR SHIRLEY

Dover, August 26. Shirley May France resumed training today for her attempt to swim the English Channel with an assurance from her high school that she may stay away beyond the September 8 school opening date if necessary.

"School begins the day you get here," said a telegram to the attractive 17-year-old girl. The telegram was sent by the Somerset High School Committee.

Coach Harry Boude said Shirley would make a preliminary swim today and would be in the water most days from now until she was again in top condition. He would not estimate when Shirley might make her attempt, but said he hoped it would be early in September.—United Press.

Derby Dismiss Middlesex For 139; Take First Innings Lead

London, August 25.

The County championship leaders, Middlesex, who need to win their final match against Derbyshire to make sure of at least sharing the championship, were given a shock today when Derbyshire dismissed them for 139, thus taking a first innings lead of 89.

But Derbyshire also found difficulty in making runs on a tricky pitch at Lord's, and at the close of play they were only 181 runs ahead with their last pair at the wicket.

Baseball Scores

New York, August 25. Today's baseball scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington Senators 1 4 0
Detroit Tigers 2 8 0
Senators: p. Hittle; c. Early.
Tigers: p. Trucks; c. Swift.

Boston Red Sox 3 5 3
Chicago White Sox 8 8 1
Red Sox: p. McDermott, Masterson, Quinn, Dorish; c. Tobberts.

White Sox: p. Pierce; c. Malone.
Philadelphia Athletics 0 12 3
St. Louis Browns 5 10 1
Athletics: p. Kellner; c. Asbroth.
Browns: p. Fanning, Papp, Ferrick, Kennedy, Embree; c. Moss.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh Pirates 5 9 2
Philadelphia Phillies 1 9 2
Pirates: p. Dickson; c. Masi.
Phillies: p. Meyer; c. Seminick.

Pittsburgh Pirates (nightcap)
Philadelphia Phillies 4 8 0
Pirates: p. Walsh, Lombardi; c. McCullough, Masi.

Phillies: p. Roberts; c. Seminick.
St. Louis Cardinals 5 4 2
New York Giants 2 4 1
Cardinals: p. Mungler; c. Rice.
Giants: p. Kennedy, Zabala; c. Westrum.

Chicago Cubs 4 0 0
Brooklyn Dodgers 0 4 2
Cubs: p. Schmitz; c. Owen.
Dodgers: p. Barney, Erskine; c. Campanella.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, August 25. The results of soccer games played today were:
Third Division, Southern:
Northampton 4 Newport 1
Watford 2 Reading 1
Third Division, Northern:
Doncaster 4 Rochdale 0
(Irish Gold Cup, 1st round)
Ballymena 1 Derry City 1
Reuter.

GIMCRACK STAKES WINNER

York, August 25. The Aga Khan's Palestine won the Gimcrack Stakes, run over six furlongs here this afternoon. He beat Mr. C. Harper's Foxboro, the only other runner, by four lengths. Palestine won at odds of 25 to one on Hachadems and Janus II did not run.—Reuter.

"Temptations" Offered Chinese Soccer Players

The "temptations" being offered to Chinese soccer players in order to induce them to play, formed the subject of a lengthy discussion at yesterday's monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association.

The subject came up for discussion following a question by Mr. Lai Yuk-tat, one of the most outstanding Chinese soccer players of the past, as to the true meaning of the word "sportsmanship."

Mr. Lai's question was prompted by reason of the fact that the Hong Kong Chinese Football Association has included among its trophies, in connection with the Summer League, a Cup for the team displaying the highest standard of "sportsmanship."

None of these present were able to give a satisfactory definition as to the meaning of the word and the discussion then branched out to the "temptations" being offered to Chinese soccer players.

Mr. Lai said that in the interests of the younger generation, steps must be taken to protect the youngsters from taking the "wrong road." He said that the Association, as a body formed for the purpose of promoting sport, owed a duty to the community in the matter.

Setting Terms
He said that the attitude of the entire community towards

A spirited innings of 45 by R. V. Robins, which included one six and three fours in one over from Copson, saved Middlesex from complete collapse. Derbyshire's pace attack ran through the other batsmen, Copson claiming four for 50.

Only Revell, who had made 73 not out in the first innings, put up a strong defence for Derbyshire in their second innings, and his 52 not out while wickets tumbled was an excellent feat.

J. Warr, Middlesex's Cambridge Blue, took five wickets, four of them in a spell during which he conceded only 14 runs.

Yorkshire maintained their keen challenge by finishing the day against Gloucestershire needing only 62 to win with eight wickets in hand.

A fifth wicket stand of 71 by B.O. Allen and Jack Crapp and some good work by the tailenders helped Gloucestershire to put up a respectable total after their bad overnight start, but Yorkshire were left to get only 130 for victory.

A Bad Start

They started badly by losing Len Hutton and Lawson cheaply, but Gloucester could claim no more victims by the close of a rain-interrupted day's play.

Surrey, following an opening stand of 42, met with trouble against the Warwickshire spin bowlers, Eric Hollies and Abdul Kardar, the Pakistan all-rounder. Only a eighth wicket stand, 31 by Constable and Alec Bader saved the follow-on. Hollies claimed six for 44 and Kardar four for 59.

Warwickshire in their second innings found Jim Laker in his best form, and the Surrey off-spinner took eight for 42. At one time his figures read four overs, four maidens, no runs, five wickets.

Laddie Outchcote, Worcester-shire's Ceylon-born all-rounder, completed the first double century notched for his County for ten years. He faced the Northamptonshire attack for seven and a quarter hours and hit two sixes and 18 fours in his 215 not out before Worcestershire declared.

Brown Completes "Double"

Freddie Brown, England and Northamptonshire captain, completed the double of one thousand runs and one hundred wickets in the season when he had scored six runs. He is the third player to do so this year, the others being Trevor Bailey (Essex) and Roland Jenkins (Worcestershire).

White Harold A. Gimblett, of Somerset, reached 100 against Northamptonshire today he completed his 2,000 runs for the season. The only other Somerset cricketer to have achieved the feat is Frank Lee, now a Test match umpire.

Deighton and Roberts bowled splendidly for Lancashire to enable them to complete a convincing win in two days over Essex.

Deighton took five for 53 in the first innings and Roberts six for 29 in the second.

Close Of Play Scores

The close of play scores were:

At The Oval: Warwickshire 232 and 151 (Laker 8 for 42); Surrey 138 (Hollies 6 for 44) and 12 for none.

At Lord's: Derbyshire 228 and 92 for 0 (Revell 52 not out); Middlesex 139.

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 443 (Harris 100 not out); Somerset 232 for 4 (Gimblett 110, Walcott 73).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 470 for 9 declared (Outchcote 215 for 0); Northamptonshire 271 for 0 (Oldfield 138 not out).

At Swansea: Leicestershire 288 and 34 for none; Glamorgan 353 (Watkins 120, Gifford 8 for 0).

At Huddersfield: Gloucestershire 77 and 213 (Close 6 for 105); Yorkshire 161 and 68 for 2.

At Clacton: Lancashire beat Essex by 10 wickets. Lancashire 331 and three for none; Essex 184 (Deighton 5 for 53).

(Roberts 6 for 29).—Reuter.

Players For Davis Cup Singles

New York, August 25. Bill Sidwell (Australia) will meet the Wimbledon champion, Ted Schroeder (US) in the opening singles of the Davis Cup Challenge Round at Forest Hills here tomorrow.

In the other singles of the first day, Frank Sedgman (Australia) will play Richard Gonzales (US). In the reverse singles on Sunday, the order of the matches will be: Sedgman v Schroeder; Sidwell v Gonzales.

Mr. Cliff Sproule, manager of the Australian team, said that he would not nominate his doubles team until tomorrow. Even then the pairs named might not be his final choice.

He said that the Australian captain, John Bromwich, and he had picked the team which they felt could do best service for Australia. "We will stand by that choice, win or lose," he added.

The United States re-gained the trophy from Australia in 1940 when the competition was resumed after the war. They have since successfully defended it each time with decisive victories over the Australians.

United States lawn tennis writers are divided over the outcome of the match, which has attracted the heaviest advanced bookings for many years.

David Eisenhower, of the New York Journal-American, wrote: "It will be the closest Davis Cup contest since Australia beat the United States ten years ago, with the doubles as possibly the deciding factor."—Reuter.

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